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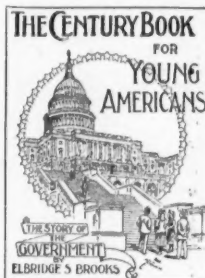
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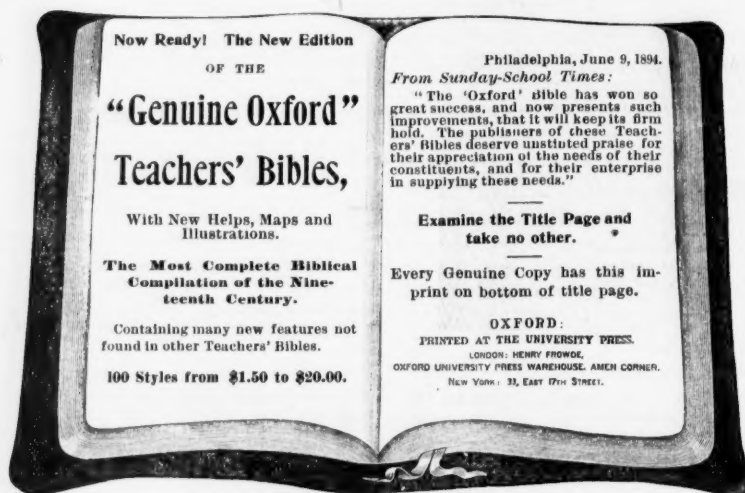
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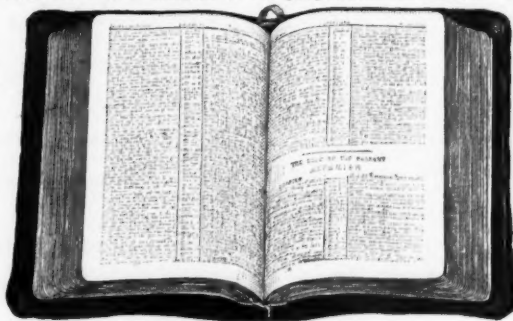
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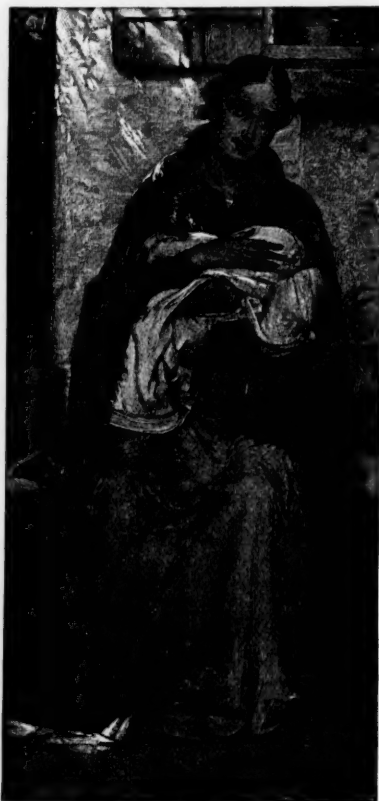


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THE home life of our nation is honored and advanced by Thanksgiving more than by any other holiday, and for this reason it is to be cherished and its distinctive character preserved by every lover of his country. Many who spent time and money they could hardly spare to go back to the old home and join in the family reunion did an important public service as well as gratified themselves and their friends. A distinguished foreigner who has made this country his place of residence not long ago expressed astonishment at the indifference of grown-up members of the same family for one another. He said he had found brothers and sisters who had not communicated with one another for twenty years—a thing which in his country would be thought little short of criminal. Thanksgiving affords opportunity for reunions that else might never come. Thousands of languishing fires of affection were rekindled last week all over the land. Homes are happier, hearts are kinder, the nation is stronger, new courage has been given to many lives and God is more honored because of Thanksgiving. Long may that festal day hold its place in our calendar.

Between the autocracy of the "apostolic delegate" and the liberality of some of the priests, and more of the laity, of his own diocese, the lot of the Archbishop of New York is not a happy one. Not long ago he was compelled to deny in a public letter to the newspapers that he had any affiliation with Tammany Hall, and at the same time to forbid one of his priests to attend the meetings of the committee which was investigating the government by Tammany, and last week the Roman Catholic layman, who was defeated by the command of priests from the altar to vote against him, published a letter in which he demands, in terms of respect indeed but with a covert threat, that these priests should be punished. We do not wonder that the defeated candidate is indignant—we wonder that the public is not more so—but we do not look to see him get much satisfaction from the archbishop, who would far rather be inconsistent than make so inconvenient a precedent as the open rebuke of priests for interference in politics would be.

Pulpit themes must emphasize the authority of God and of His revelation to men through the word inspired by Him, if there is to be a revival of religion. In our modern life public interest is constantly broadening to include all that concerns humanity. From local gossip to national and international politics, from family experiences to social and philanthropic experiments that may make the whole world their theater of operations, the preacher is invited to select his topics and so keep in the surface currents of popular thinking. But men's deepest interests are their personal relations with God. A minister lately affirmed that there can never be a revival of religion in Boston till the tone of morality

is raised here. It is quite as true to say that the tone of morality can be raised only through a revival of the sense of sin in individuals, of personal responsibility to God and of the consciousness of His presence. Let the themes of the pulpit bring each hearer before God to measure himself in the light of His holiness, His truth and love, to feel his need of forgiveness and to see divine compassion shown in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the tone of morality in the community will inevitably be raised. It will be both the result and the cause of a revival.

THE CHURCH AS A SOCIAL FACTOR.

The supreme mission of the church is to change individuals into characters like Christ's. It is to bring persons one by one into its fellowship, and when they have been brought in to make the most of them. Improved social conditions make it easier to improve men; but improved men are necessary to make better social conditions. And Christ alone can make men like Himself. The first business of the church is to introduce men to Him with faith that His Spirit will work on them with transforming power, to bring His disciples to fuller knowledge and profounder reverence and intenser love to Him. To help the poor to comfortable surroundings is noble work, but Christ in poverty was infinitely nobler than men surrounded by every comfort without Him.

The church ought to take care of its own poor. Its members should help one another to get better wages, better education, larger and more beneficent influence in the community. It may wisely open dormitories, gymnasiums, cooking and evening schools, whatever will make more prosperous and better members of the community, if it can do this work better than it is being done—and in some instances no doubt it can. The church should be a factor in society to co-operate in all wise efforts to improve social conditions, to relieve poverty and sickness, to abolish intemperance, to promote education, to secure better homes, wiser laws and more competent administrators of government.

There may also be instances where a local church or a body of churches may wisely assume to be the charitable society for the community, may establish a hospital, open a parochial school, formulate and work for the enactment of particular laws.

But these instances are, or ought to be, exceptional. The chief work of the church in reforming society is indirect, by sending into it men and women instructed in principles of righteousness and inspired by the spirit of Christ, not by attempts directly to control the community through distributing its charities, ordering its education or administering its laws. We believe that there are dangerous tendencies leading churches to assume the control of social and philanthropic movements, which cannot but result in harm to the church and

to society at large. Two illustrations will suffice to point out the direction of these tendencies:

A certain church in Boston announces that its opportunities for relieving the poor exceed its abilities and extend far beyond its parish. It therefore appeals to the general public for help. It proposes to assume the place of a charitable organization for the city, at least for that part of it. This church has done noble service in caring for its own poor and showed itself competent in a particular emergency last spring to do this service for the community. But the section in which it labors contains churches of other denominations to which it would refuse fellowship, and is included in the territory of charitable organizations which, while not undertaking to do a religious work, are supported by members of all denominations and of no denomination. This church asks that it may receive and administer the alms of those who have no voice in its affairs and that it may place under obligations to itself the poor who will be attracted to it simply to get their wants relieved. A church in such a case might well hesitate before exposing itself to the temptations of collision with other churches, of undue influence over those thus made dependent on it, or to the criticisms of those not in sympathy with its belief, whose money it asks for and receives, and of lowering its supreme mission to cater to temporal wants.

The platform of the Institutional Church League furnishes another illustration. It declares that the institutional church "seeks to become the center and source of all beneficent and philanthropic effort, and to take the leading part in every movement which has for its end the alleviation of human suffering, the elevation of man and the betterment of the world." We have sympathized with the aims of institutional churches, rejoiced in their achievements and have kept our readers informed of their work. We have no other words than those of grateful appreciation of men and women who are seeking with earnestness, emphasized by the fullest devotion, to make the church the chief instrument in the world in improving the condition of all men by rectifying government, relieving poverty, increasing intelligence and promoting every kind of reform. We therefore have less hesitation in saying that the church which assumes to be the organization that is to direct and carry on the reconstruction of society is in danger of so overloading itself as to hinder its accomplishment of its own peculiar work and to weaken the authority of its message.

The mission of the church is the mission of Christ. He limited His mission. It was to save men by making them His disciples. He fed the hungry bountifully, but when they followed Him to get more loaves and fishes He rebuked them and told them that His mission was to give them spiritual food, and when they refused to follow Him further unless He would give them temporal food, He allowed them to leave Him—and even those of His disciples who sided with the crowd.

The church can do far more in promoting philanthropy and moral reform through the principles of life it inculcates than through the movements it controls as an organization. There are other centers and sources of philanthropic effort to which it can at the most only offer its co-operation. Those

who are not in the churches ought also to be useful citizens, and many of them certainly may be expected to take active part in preserving morality, helping the poor, purifying politics and bettering society. "If the church did its duty," said a speaker recently at a religious gathering, "there would be no need of temperance societies or hospitals or charitable and reformatory institutions." But if the church could monopolize all these under present conditions we believe it would become a tyranny, benevolent perhaps at first, but dangerous to its own members and a promoter of strife with outsiders.

Let the church bear its part in every moral and social reform. Let its members discharge fully the duties of citizenship without which they are unfit to be disciples of Christ. Let them mingle in society as benefactors, yet more as sharers with all its nobler elements in promoting political and social purity and temporal prosperity for all. But the peculiar and supreme mission of the church is to renew souls through the Holy Spirit, to wait before God in worship, to magnify His name before the world, and to send into it those filled with the spirit of Christ. If its members carry into other organizations a nobler spirit and wiser methods of relieving poverty and suffering, promoting education and uplifting society, the church may well rejoice that its mission is being accomplished and its Lord honored, and may willingly leave to these other organizations the work which it cannot take on itself without imperiling the success of the supreme business which it rightly claims that He has formally intrusted to it.

THE LITERATURE OF 1894.

What can have prompted the utterance of Ecclesiastes—"Of making many books there is no end"? What would the writer say about the multitude of books of the nineteenth century! An indication of the ever increasing productiveness of the world of authors and publishers is the fact that over fifty volumes more were sent to this journal for notice during the single month of November just past than during the same month last year, and this statement does not include those bound in paper, some of which also are of substantial importance.

In accordance with our custom for a number of years we have given extra space this week to book notices and other literary material, and a prominent feature of the department is our summary of the more important publications of the year. Of course no one journal receives every valuable volume printed. Some, upon special subjects, are sent only to journals interested particularly in those subjects. For example, a technical work on electricity is not often distributed to the press generally but only to those papers or magazines devoted to that branch of science. But such a journal as *The Congregationalist*, as our readers are aware, receives a very large share of the important publications. Indeed, very few which are intended for the general public fail to come to us. The publishers understand thoroughly the value of such a journal as a means of informing people about their issues, and our readers can rely safely upon being kept informed through our literary columns from week to week about whatever in the literary world is most worthy of their attention.

The year has not been distinguished by the appearance of many epoch-making works. Dr. Dunning's and Professor Walker's volumes on the history of Congregationalism, Mr. Maclay's history of the United States navy, Mr. Kidd's volume, *Social Evolution*, the new *Standard Dictionary*, the new *Walker Concordance*, two or three novels, the *Manxman*, *Marcella*, and *Trilby*, and Mr. Kipling's *Jungle Book*, stand out conspicuously in their respective departments and are not likely to be soon surpassed. Several superior biographies also have come out, such as that of Dean Stanley. But most of the production of the year, like that of many another year, has been creditable and valuable rather than brilliant in quality. This, however, naturally is true of many another year. Very few new authors have come prominently into the foreground and it is a question whether those who have won wide notice are to keep it. The realm of fiction seems to afford the best opportunity for sudden fame but it also often proves deceptive. Mr. Kidd, the writer upon social development, is the foremost example for the year of an author who has taken from the outset a leading place and who seems to possess staying power, but Mr. Crockett, Ian Maclaren, and Anthony Hope have done almost equally striking work in fiction, and practically have come into notice this year.

After all literature is like every other department of human life. Its most successful workers are chiefly men and women of diligence rather than genius, of fidelity to high ideals and patient persistence rather than of spasmodic, meteoric deeds. Its prizes must be won slowly and painfully. The success which seems dazzling usually is only the outcome of years of persistent and comparatively unnoticed toil. The best work, too, that which tells most on the world in the end, is quite as likely to be that which appears with little heralding or blazoning but which makes its way steadily by genuine inherent merit.

MILITANT AND TRIUMPHANT CHRISTIAN CITIZENS.

Score victories for two flocks of Christian disciples shepherded by sons of the ancient New England stock. Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, has arisen, as in war times, and said to the ex-thugs driven from New York City who were contemplating adding indefinitely to the number of saloons at the terminus of the Brooklyn Bridge near the church, "Thus far and no farther shalt thou go." Dr. Abbott's appeal to his congregation was a war-cry; the response of the congregation to his appeal was splendid, and the resolute, swift action of the church committee, re-enforced by the signatures of 750 members of the church, made the license-granting authority realize that the decent citizens of the City of Churches had opinions that must be respected.

Rev. D. O. Mears, D. D., formerly of Worcester, now of Cleveland, O., while on the way to his church Sunday before last found the city employes engaged in street repairing which by no stretch of the imagination could be deemed necessary. He went into his pulpit, told his congregation that the responsibility for stopping such law-breaking rested upon the Christian citizens before him in the pews, and he served notice that if they did not act before 3 P. M. he would. The trustees met immediately after the morning service, consulted with a promi-

ment city official also a member of the church, and before Dr. Mears had finished his mid day meal the labor had ceased and the official supposedly responsible for it had made explanations and apologies.

Here is decisive proof that the members of our Christian congregations, by swift, wise, definite and united action, can often forestall the forces of evil and eradicate deep-seated abuses.

THE INFLUENCE OF PRAYER ON HIM WHO PRAYS.

Real prayer is assumed here, not merely formal petition. What does it do for him who offers it?

It is a liberal education, speaking from a religious point of view, to pray in this sense. It develops humility. The contrast between one's own littleness and the grandeur of the holy character and vast concerns of the Creator and Ruler of the universe is immensely impressive. It promotes reverence, the natural outgrowth of humility. It reveals God as near to every one of us, as abounding in tender love and care. It stimulates both the consciousness of need of Him and also the sense of His satisfyingness and the conviction that whoever has God can afford to dispense with everything else. Indeed, in point of fact, he who has God has everything else which is best for him. It gives a tremendous impulse to faith.

See how true all this is in actual life. Drop theory for the moment and study men and women. You know some who are prayerful in the true sense. Investigate their spiritual history, so far as possible. Analyze their religious characters and see what the influence of the habit of prayer has been upon them. Has it not helped them to be noble, useful, happy? Is it not true that you, all things considered, would rather have happiness of the sort which they possess than that of anybody else whom you know? Others may have more of certain kinds of pleasure and profit than they. We do not all find gratification in the same things. But in respect to that peace of heart which is much more important than any pleasure due to merely social, political, financial or literary success, is there any one else for whose happiness you would exchange theirs, if you had it?

Your child cannot talk much with you without becoming like you. Neither can you talk much with your Heavenly Father without becoming more like Him. And that is what all true life is intended to accomplish. Nothing else helps toward that result like prayer.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW.

The final and short session of the Fifty-third Congress began at noon on Monday. Probably little constructive legislation will be initiated and still less passed. There is too much difference of opinion in the dominant party to make any other record on partisan questions possible, but it is to be hoped that on such questions as the giving of aid to the Nicaraguan Canal, the expiration of the lottery, the reformation of the currency system, the adoption of a national bankruptcy bill, the congressmen may rise above partisanship and take statesmanlike views of national necessities. President Cleveland in his message stands consistently by his belief that it is the duty of Congress to remove the duty from coal and

iron, to abolish the differential duty in favor of refined sugar, and give American registry to all ships owned by Americans even if built abroad. That there will be much bitter debate and recrimination is a foregone conclusion. Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle must be prepared for some sharp criticism from his own party, and it will not be surprising if Secretary Gresham's foreign policy is assailed. Indeed, resolutions questioning the legality of the bond issue, the use of troops at Chicago and the handing over of Japanese refugees to Chinese courts—referred to below—were introduced as soon as opportunity was given.

The most significant feature of the presidential message, as it refers to foreign matters, is the expression of the executive opinion that it would be well to withdraw from our alliance with Great Britain and Germany in the joint control of Samoa, and Congress is asked to express its opinion on the matter. The allotment of lands to the Indian the President would limit to those who really occupy and till the land. The effort to purge the pension list of fraudulent pensioners has proceeded with good results and will proceed. The message rings true on the vital principles of civil service reform. The evils of the present banking, currency and monetary systems are set forth unsparringly, and Congress is asked to treat all these questions in a broad, statesmanlike way, so that stability and flexibility of currency may be secured, the government be relieved from engaging in the banking business and all uncertainty as to the basis of national credit be put beyond dispute. However, until Congress so acts the President pledges his word that he will continue to resort to the issuing of bonds, if it be necessary to keep our gold reserve intact and our national credit off the silver basis.

The reports of the heads of the great government departments are given to the public before their formal presentation to Congress, and it is gratifying to see the spirit of progress that pervades them. Postmaster-General Bissell is emphatic in his indorsement of the principle that merit and fitness and not politics should determine appointments. He is not as favorable to the development of novel extensions of the postal service as Mr. Wadmaker was, favoring more a perfection and cheapening to the people of the regular service. Civil service reformers find in him and his report much reason for hopefulness. The Secretary of the Interior, in his discussion of the Indian problem, is conservatively progressive, prepared to take some if not all of the steps which the friends of the Indians desire, and yet realizing as they do the complexity of the problem. The Secretary of War advises an increase of the national army, and its reconstruction on the battalion basis. It is reassuring to be told that the army is not likely to see much more service against the Indians, but it is not altogether pleasant to recognize the necessity and wisdom of the new policy of concentration near the large cities. The Secretary of the Navy is moderate in his demands for new vessels, and they of the battleship and torpedo type, wherein we are confessedly weak. The Secretary of Agriculture describes the methods by which he has brought about decided and needed reforms and economies, defeated

the schemes of professional agriculturists and political plotters, both eager for the public's money; and he concludes with some excellent advice to the farmers on sound monetary theories. In Comptroller Eckels's report we have the convictions of one of the ablest of the new public servants, first introduced to the public through Mr. Cleveland's favor. He describes soberly and effectively the complexity and insufficiency of our present monetary systems, and urges the appointment of a commission to consider, revise and reform.

The citizens of Boston in the approaching municipal election have a difficult, discriminating bit of work to do. The situation is most complex, and disheartening if it were to be permanent. One year hence, if the Municipal League lives and leavens, a better array of candidates will come before the electors. The Democratic candidate for mayor is repudiated by an important faction of his party. Some of the Republican machine candidates for aldermen have been repudiated by the best element in that party. The A. P. A. has entered into the fight and openly appeals to Protestant voters to vote for certain candidates for the Board of Aldermen and the School Board, and the organized women voters of the city are aggressive as usual. An Independent candidate for alderman, C. W. Hallstram of Ward 11, who was defeated in the Republican City Convention because of his opposition, during part of his last term as alderman, to granting licenses to the pugilists who up to a few months ago made Boston their Mecca, has had his candidacy indorsed by the Boston Evangelical Alliance, and there is the disposition among many good people to support him on this ground. He has not been active in opposition to granting licenses for so called Sunday evening concerts, and because of this his record by some is felt to fall short of ideal.

Governor Waite of Colorado is not a statesman, but his standards of morality are so much higher than those of some of Denver's leading bankers and merchants that we hasten to record our gratitude for the fact, and our amazement at the audacity and iniquity of the corporations and forty-three individuals who deliberately petitioned the authorities of Denver to reopen gambling establishments in order that they might sell their goods and rent their properties. Fortunately a consultation between Governor Waite and those responsible for the enforcement of the law resulted in the rejection of the petition. Such men as the petitioners would rejoice the heart of the noted English individualist, Auberon Herbert, who has been clamoring lately for men to fight with him "until the constitutional doctrine is established, once and for all, that men shall bet or gamble where they like and when they like."

As a nation, we have every reason to assert resolutely our purpose to prevent European control of the proposed Nicaraguan canal, and any administration that retreats a step from our historic position will suffer in popularity and fame. It has been asserted that Great Britain was interfering again in the controversy between the Mosquito Indians and Nicaragua, and our warships were said to be gathering for a display of force if necessary. It is difficult to get at the exact facts as to what has been done

or said at Washington and London; but the Mosquito Indians having abandoned their claim to independence, it would seem as if the cause of so much contention may at last have been removed, and this is the interpretation put upon the situation by the men best informed. Those who wish to consult a concise *résumé* of the controversy will find it in the President's message.

The death of Princess Bismarck has shattered the already feeble health of the man of "blood and iron," and he predicts what many fear, viz., his own death before the new year dawns. To accept the husband's estimate of her influence is to concede to the dead wife responsibility and credit for all that Bismarck has been as a patriot and statesman. She inspired him with love and high ideals when he was in bonds to the flesh, a rollicking, rough soldier. His devotion to her and his love for the home she created for him has never waned, and the world today, while it mourns, also rejoices at such proof as it has had throughout their long career as man and wife of the possibility of love ruling and constraining the high and mighty of the earth.

The Armenians have appealed to the Pope to aid them, but however much his heart may incline to respond policy dictates just now that Leo treat the sultan with deference, *i. e.*, if the consolidation of the Catholics in Turkey with the followers of Leo XIII. is to be effected without opposition from the Porte. From London comes the gratifying news—from semi-official sources—that Great Britain has given the Porte warning that the powers will enforce the Berlin treaty unless the result of the Turkish investigation shall be absolutely satisfactory and radical reforms in Armenia follow. The Earl of Kimberly, the English foreign secretary, and Sir Phillip Currie, the British ambassador in Turkey, are said to be confident that Turkey understands the import of British purpose, but the *Speaker* predicts the failure of the Porte to satisfy, and says that even now "the government ought to recognize that the time for words is past." It foresees Anglo-Russian co-operation in freeing Armenia, and falls in with the rapidly increasing European opinion that the new czar may be counted upon to alter very materially, not only the structure of Russian government and society, but to shift the balance of power in European politics. If the stories relative to the peculiar service which the Prince of Wales has rendered to the czar during the recent crisis, begin to approach the truth, then the prince in the rôle of a friend probably has shaped future events more than he ever has in any other way. Already we hear rumors of the czar's intention to establish representative government, to initiate a reform and extension of popular education, and it is very significant that Stepniak, the anarchist, declares that the revolutionary party has determined to give the new ruler a perfectly free field to prove his sincerity of purpose and breadth of sympathy.

Criticism of the foreign policy of the United States has been rife. Julian Ralph, who was sent to the Orient by *Harper's Weekly* to act as war correspondent, for some reason, as yet unexplained, did not succeed in getting very near the scene of hostilities, and he is now in this country again. In a letter written in Shanghai in

October, but just published, he charges the Department of State first with inefficiently protecting the interests of American residents in China through failure to provide a proper representation of vessels and marines, and, second, with compelling the American consul-general in Shanghai to deliver over to the Chinese government two Japanese youths, who had sought the protection of the consulate. They were suspected of being spies, probably were, and their subsequent treatment by the Chinese was fiendish in its atrocity. More recent and direct appeals from Peking corroborate the affirmation of Mr. Ralph respecting the peril of all foreigners in China, and it is probably true that the stars and stripes do not float from the mastsheads of as many vessels as might with advantage be in Chinese waters, but the limitations of our naval strength are such that it is useless to think of our rivaling the array that Great Britain puts forth. Moreover, it must not be forgotten that in any contest between foreigners and Chinese mobs our citizens will have the combined protection of all the European forces in Shanghai or in Peking. As for the release of the Japanese spies, Mr. Ralph's article concedes what Secretary Gresham has said, in response to criticism, that the responsibility for the inability of the consul to hold, shield and try the Japanese was due to Japan's insistence that all Chinese charged with similar crimes and found on Japanese territory could not be protected and tried by foreign courts. China naturally demanded the same rights, and the concession had to be made. Our consul, however, exacted solemn pledges that the Japanese should be treated humanely, and not until the highest officials pledged that were they handed over. Japan may well insist on reparation for the indignities that followed, but for the handing over to the Chinese court she has no one to blame but herself. Popular opinion may sympathize with Japan in this contest, and China may be "semi-civilized" and Japan may be civilized, but our Department of State cannot make such comparisons the basis for discrimination.

Japan naturally declines to deal with any sub-Chinese official, hence Diétring, the German engaged in the Chinese customs service, has failed to get a hearing for his scheme of settling the contest. The latest advices indicate that Japan looks with favor upon the terms of surrender which China has offered, the intermediaries being our ministers. Great Britain has re-enforced her position by summoning new vessels and troops from India and the seizure of a strategic island off the Chinese coast. If Peking should fall before peace is declared, many look for the overthrow of the present dynasty and the naming of a new ruler, by Japan and the European powers, who shall be a Chinaman—not a Tartar—and in sympathy with progress. The adopted son of Li Hung Chang, recently China's representative at Tokyo, would answer to this description. It begins to appear as if Li Hung Chang had been playing for high stakes, had taken great risks and was about to win.

That admirable article by Rev. C. H. Patton which appeared in our columns Nov. 15 has been reprinted in leaflet form and can be obtained at the rooms of the American Board in this city. If pastors would only carry out

its suggestions, how the streams of benevolence would swell!

IN BRIEF.

The single announcement of our series of *Palestine Pictures* has already brought to us hundreds of orders for these remarkable views. All who have seen the advance proofs coincide with our judgment that they far surpass anything of the kind ever produced. The first of the twenty-four parts is published Friday of this week. For fuller particulars see page 841.

Next week an illustrated article by Clifton Johnson on the present day aspect of the English towns in which our Pilgrim Fathers lived will furnish a good point of departure for meditations appropriate to Forefathers' Day.

Bostonians and persons intending to visit Boston this month should note the article in this issue describing the attractions of the galleries and the art stores, and use it as a guide when they have an hour or two to spare. The gratifying thing about these everyday opportunities, so well described by our contributor, is that so far as inspection goes they are free to all who will make proper use of them.

The Week of Prayer is now near at hand, and churches wishing to provide themselves seasonably with the topics selected by the Boston Ministers' Meeting can find them in *The Congregationalist Handbook* for 1895, while the topics suggested by the Evangelical Alliance may be had at 50 cents per hundred by sending to Room 511, United Charities Building, Fourth Avenue and Twenty-second Street, New York. The alliance for the first time in its history feels compelled to seek contributions from the churches to carry on its worthy work of unifying Christians, of withstanding Roman Catholic aggression on our institutions and of helping forward the application of Christianity to life.

If editors were given to blushing our faces would frequently assume a crimson hue nowadays in view of the compliments received from far and near on the typographical and literary excellence of recent issues of *The Congregationalist*. The special numbers, replete with material pertaining to a particular subject, seem to be keenly relished, and we have been told a number of times lately that this or that issue was the "best you have ever sent out." But the best, we assure our appreciative friends, is yet to be, for our ideal continues to keep in advance of us. Some idea, by the way, may be gained of the enormous amount of mechanical work involved in a single issue of *The Congregationalist* from the statement that our Thanksgiving number necessitated the handling of between three and four million pieces of type.

A daily newspaper in Paris, edited by able men in full sympathy with Protestant Christianity, has for some years been the desire and plan of many interested in the religious welfare of France. Last spring *Le Signal* was started, the chief editor being M. Eugene Reveillaud, well known in this country from his connection with the McAll Mission. M. de Rougemont was in the United States in the summer of 1893 seeking aid to establish the paper, but was advised that more interest would be awakened in that effort if the work were already begun. The success of *Le Signal* has already surpassed expectation. Its receipts already nearly equal its expenses. M. Reveillaud is for a short time in this country to dispose of 250 shares of the stock to American friends of France, believing that the enterprise will need no further aid and that these shares may soon pay dividends. Certainly the influence of such a paper on the intellectual life of France will be great for good. M. Reveillaud may be addressed at 109 Bible House, New York.

It has been clear for some time to any dispassionate observer that much of the ecclesiastical maneuvering in the Presbyterian fold has not been open and above board. It is not a pleasant predicament that the highest court of the denomination finds itself in now, nor is the situation one that is creditable. To have its proposition rejected by Union Seminary might have pleased a faction of the denomination, but to have conservative Princeton and Western join with Auburn and McCormick is a terrible rebuff. And yet it might have been avoided if the General Assembly had been given all the facts. That some were withheld Editor Gray of the *Interior*, a member of the committee, now asserts, and is prepared to prove it if necessary.

The *Forum* for November contained an article by Rev. W. B. Hale, an Episcopal rector of Middleboro, reflecting severely on the social conditions of Fall River and charging the churches of that city with being indifferent to its poverty, immorality and general evil state. The *New York Independent*, having carefully investigated, on the ground, the charges made in that article, reprints twenty-six assertions in it which the *Independent* characterizes as misleading, describing them by such phrases as "absolutely false," "wholly imaginative or maudlin," "absurd," "slandrous," concluding with the suggestion that Mr. Hale's eyes may be "heterochromatic." We were requested to comment on the *Forum* article when it first appeared, but, remembering that this was not the first time its author had offended against both truth and good taste in the same periodical, we thought it not worth while to notice it. The *Independent*, however, has done good service in exposing the offensive mischievousness of that sort of writing. So reputable a magazine as the *Forum* cannot afford to court notoriety by it.

Of Americans who have studied social problems few have come to the task with better equipment or had better facilities for getting at the facts as well as the theories than Dr. J. H. Stuckenberg for so many years pastor of the American Church in Berlin. We note that at the conclusion of a series of lectures recently given before the students of Wittenberg College, he rejected all theories of socialism, communism, all schemes of revolution, and placed reliance upon evolution through the development and regeneration of the individual, the church and the industrial organism. A prophet is now going forth through our churches and seminaries declaring that "the individual is not the unit (of society) and society is not an aggregation of individuals. Society is a life," and seeking for the revolution of the church. We can fancy Dr. Stuckenberg saying of Professor Herron, what Aubrey De Vere makes one of his characters say of another:

In washing of the dirt
From off the church, he'll wash the church to nothing.
I preached against her sins—there were who said
I bit them hard; he'll rend away the rags
With shreds of flesh adhering.

The testimony before the New York tenement house commission last week was startling in many of its revelations. Dr. Rainsford of St. George's Church and Mr. J. B. Reynolds of the University Settlement testified that it was their opinion that the crusade against houses of ill fame had driven their inmates into the tenement house districts and seriously demoralized the tenement population. Dr. Rainsford believes in rigidly confining the houses to definite districts. It was also brought out in the course of the investigation that some of the worst tenements are owned by Trinity Church, the enormously wealthy ecclesiastical corporation. Worse than this, it is affirmed by the secretary of the commission that the Trinity Church corporation is the only landlord that has fought the recently passed law compelling the introduction of water on every floor of tenement

houses, having carried the law into the courts and retarded its execution by its resort to legal obstructions. We should say that the rector of Trinity Church had work at home more important than coming to Boston and extolling ritualism, and sneering at the piety and taste of the men who made New England what it is, and whose sons and daughters can find God without the aid of symbols and rites and ceremonies.

STAFF CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE INTERIOR.

General Booth Again.

One of the great events of the week has been the visit of General Booth. His words and his presence have been as welcome to Christians of all denominations as to his own soldiers. During his brief stay he made sixteen addresses. Tickets to the Auditorium gatherings could not be obtained at any price by those who had waited for them till the day on which they were to be used. That General Booth is a man of genius, an exceedingly bright man, interesting as a speaker, quick at repartee, a perfect master of an audience, is evident to all who study him carefully. That he is dead in earnest is equally evident. Nor is his faith in his work or in his ability to manage it any less clear. He has certainly shown us what the principles upon which he manages his army are and what are his plans for the salvation of the submerged tenths in our great cities. That he has imparted to a great many who heard him a good deal of his own Christian optimism is devoutly to be hoped.

The Crerar Library.

Now that all the lawsuits against the estate have been brought to an end and it is possible for the trustees to take steps to carry out the provisions of Mr. Crerar's will, the question is being agitated what the library shall be, reference or circulating, for the people or for scholars; shall it devote itself to one department or to several? Some would like to see it devote all its means to gathering Americana, while others desire that it be a scientific library and be located near the university. While it is pretty nearly certain that it will be a reference library, its location has not yet been selected, nor has it been decided what departments of a reference library it will make prominent. It seems to be the common understanding that the departments in which the Newberry is strongest will not be duplicated and that no unnecessary expenditure on buildings will be encouraged. The hope is expressed on every side that by-and-by our libraries, through careful use of their means, may cover all departments of human knowledge.

The People's Institute.

Bishop Fallows and Rev. W. G. Clarke, of gambling fight fame, have devoted a great deal of time and thought to the founding of an institute for the people, where Sunday afternoons different but important topics may be discussed, and where during the week unobjectionable gatherings of every possible sort may be held. During the summer a fine block of buildings has been erected on Van Buren Street near Oakley, containing a hall which will seat at least three thousand, and several smaller halls for smaller audiences. The first meeting in the institute was a sunrise prayer meeting Thanksgiving Day, under the auspices of the West Side Christian Endeavorers. The attendance was large

and enthusiastic. At 10.30 the building was dedicated by special services, Dr. Gunsaulus preaching the sermon. It is expected that this will prove to be a rallying point for the hundreds of thousands who live on the West Side, and that it will contribute not a little to their welfare and pleasure. Lectures instructive and attractive, harmless entertainments, evening schools in which such instruction will be imparted as is most needed, will be features of the work. The cost of the edifice has been \$26,000. It contains rooms for clubs, half a dozen stores for rental and a hall which will seat 3,000. The simple dedicatory service was in these words, read by Bishop Fallows, the president of the association under whose auspices the institute has hitherto done its work:

In the name of the fathers and mothers, of the citizens of Chicago of all creeds and convictions, and of the great West Side in particular, I dedicate this spacious building to the high purposes intended in its erection—to the cause of education, of sociability, of helpful recreation, of the fraternity of family welfare, of good citizenship, of philanthropy and religion, and may the favor of the people continue to be given it and the gracious blessing of Almighty God continue to rest upon it.

That this institute may realize the hopes of its founders is the sincere desire of every Christian in the city.

Ministers' Meeting.

The subject for discussion, General Booth and the Salvation Army, though in itself very attractive, was less interesting to the large numbers which gathered than the resolutions passed in memory of Mr. Harrison of the *Advance*, whose sudden death has made such an impression on our Congregational household. Very tender and appreciative were the addresses of the brethren. Abundant testimony was brought forward to Mr. Harrison's rare business ability, to his transparent honesty, to the purity of his life, to his deep spirituality, to his untiring industry, and to his generous gifts to the church and benevolent institutions, to the seminary and special objects like the City Missionary Society. It will not be easy to fill his place or to find a man to do for the *Advance* what he has done for it.

A Thanksgiving Treat.

Among all the thousands who have been bountifully fed in this great city this year, none have been happier than the 1,500 newsboys and waifs who partook of Mr. Wulff's hospitality, Wednesday evening. For many years it has been Mr. Wulff's habit to clear out his store, set long tables on which everything that boys love is placed, and from six to eleven o'clock bring these boys in, some hundreds at a time, and permit them to eat their fill. It is said that this year 2,600 pounds of turkey, with other edibles in proportion, were consumed. It was an interesting sight to see the little fellows on the street, forming a line two deep on the sidewalk, and extending almost half a mile from Halsted Street to the river, singing and shouting Mr. Wulff's praises. Some of the numerous entertainments advertised during the last month have netted large sums for charity. The so called Midway Plaisance in Battery D. has netted not less than \$10,000 for the Foundling's Home and two other almost equally deserving institutions. The success of the undertaking is primarily due to the energy and foresight of Mrs. Carse of the W. C. T. U. and her two sons, whose enthusiasm and versatility attracted the multitude.

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FRANKLIN.

Literature and the Spiritual Life.

By Hamilton W. Mabie.

[EDITORIAL NOTE—It would not be easy to select a better representative of the school of literary men associated with New York City today than Mr. Mabie. He is both author and critic and in each vocation has attained, while still a comparatively young man, a success that is based on faithful effort joined to native talent. His books, *My Study Fire*, *Under the Trees*, *Essays in Literary Interpretation* and *Short Studies in Literature*, are appreciated by persons who value



delicacy of touch and keenness of spiritual insight. As a contributor to periodical literature and as a discriminating judge of books, new and old, he has widened the range of his influence, while his lectures and addresses in various cities of the country have won for him a large circle of admiring friends. Mr. Mabie was graduated from Williams in 1867, received an LL. B. from Columbia in 1869 and has been for a number of years associated with Dr. Lyman Abbott in the conduct of our valued contemporary, the *Outlook*.]

There has been no greater heresy in the long history of heresies than the arbitrary division of the indivisible personality of man into parts, and the treatment of these parts as if they were independent of each other. For the sake of convenience the use of such words as body, mind, spirit, emotion, will is necessary; but this use becomes misleading and confusing when it accustoms us to think that intellect or emotions or will can be dealt with detached from the other faculties and qualities of the man. In every vital thought the whole man thinks; in every normal emotion the whole man feels; in every significant action the whole man acts. Whatever affects, influences and expands one part of the nature affects, influences and expands the complete nature. Faculties and organs are so many channels of access to the personality, and so many channels of expression and activity for it; whatever touches any faculty so as to leave an impression touches this mysterious and indivisible personality.

Second only in importance to this heresy of the arbitrary division of man has been the heresy of the arbitrary division of nature and human activities into religious and secular. There is, it is true, a fundamental division between good and evil in the deeds of men; but there is no division between the religious and unreligious in nature or in normal activities. That division has no existence outside a very superficial and imperfect conception of man's nature, man's life and man's surroundings. The essence of religion is the consciousness of God everywhere in His universe.

These truths are of immense importance

when we come to deal with the contribution of any department of nature, knowledge or human activity to the personal spiritual life; to that individual appropriation of the divine spirit, thought and strength which we call religion, the best definition of which is still, I think, that of William Law, "the life of God in the soul of man." Whatever makes the divine element in life more real, credible, evident by disclosing the range, the depth, the infinite possibilities of that life, contributes as directly to faith as a specific revelation.

In fact, the ability to receive the specific revelation depends in no small measure on the ability to conceive of human life broadly and nobly. The view of life or of the world which limits the presence or the revelation of God to particular activities is, in the exact measure of such limitations, atheistic. The futility of such limitations, and the intellectual inadequacy involved in them, are strikingly illustrated by the former antagonism of many religiously anxious people toward the idea of development, which now promises to present, in due time, a more impressive argument for design than was ever dreamed of by the older thinkers.

Looked at from this point of view the contribution of literature to the spiritual life has been continuous, fundamental and specific. To begin with, the direct and peculiar revelation of the soul of God to the soul of man is made in and through a literature of surpassing variety and beauty. It is to the Hebrew literature, bound in a single volume but contained in sixty-six books, that faith owes its greatest debt. So accustomed are we to treat the Bible as a textbook prepared for a specific purpose that we forget that, like every other great literature, it is the record of the life of a race through many centuries, conveyed in history, essay, story, drama, lyric, epic, epigram, sermon, biography.

In the literature which we know as the Old Testament the division of activities into religious and secular is unknown; all life is conceived of as religious and religion is conceived as coextensive with life. To the man of religious nature all things are religious; to the irreligious man all things, even sacrifices and services, are irreligious. The heart of this wonderful Hebrew literature, which has been the guide, the inspiration and the daily helper of all those who have felt the power of Christianity, is found in four brief biographies, upon which we depend almost entirely for the portraiture and the words of the one human life in which the divine life has been perfectly realized and disclosed. These four little books stand alone in literature in their importance, their influence and the marvelous beauty with which each conveys the clear image of One, whose own words, wherever recorded, disclose that ultimate beauty which makes spoken or written words literature. No other aid to faith is so vital, so necessary and so complete as that rendered by the four lives of Christ, which we call the gospels.

But the Hebrew literature, while dealing more specifically for obvious reasons with the consciousness of God in His world and with the obligations and resources

which have their origin in that consciousness, is not more essentially religious than the other great literatures of the world. Whoever closes the book of Job, the Psalms or the prophecies of Isaiah and opens the volumes in which the Greek plays are preserved finds himself still in the atmosphere of the religious life. In these masterpieces of the art of literature the life of man is interpreted in the light of those laws whose pressure upon him is the constant witness of the power above him which makes for righteousness. The very essence of this sublime tragedy lies in the collision between the individual will and that will which is the fundamental law of the universe.

And this is the essence of all tragedy from Æschylus to Browning. The tragic poet holds the torch over those abysses out of which come the issues of life and death, and whoever reads deeply enough will find all great dramatic literature supplementing and confirming the view of human obligations presented by the Hebrew writers. Hamlet, Othello, Lear and Macbeth are so many illustrations of the dependence of man on the law which makes for righteousness.

This is also the truth which great fiction sets forth with such varied and appealing power, and which gives to some novels an ethical dignity and weight denied to most works of didactic character. No recent plea for that beautiful arrest of judgment in presence of a higher ideal of righteousness which we call charity has had such power with a host of readers as Trilby, of which Mr. Brownell has finely said that it makes the Pharisee love the publican. No recent argument for purity comes freighted with such tremendous lessons as *The Manxman*; and even that fiction which seems farthest removed from the spiritual realm, even novels which, like Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*, Balzac's *Cousin Bette* and Zola's *Nana*, seem to describe a world without God, are written as by the finger of fate, so swift and awful are the tragedies of character and of fortune which they bind forever to the evil thought and deed. Man under the play of a law higher than himself, which makes for righteousness, is the common conception of all great literature into which, either as play or novel, the dramatic element enters from Prometheus Bound to Ibsen's *Ghosts*.

It would be impossible to point out, within the limits of this article, the indebtedness of faith to those great writers who, like Dante, Milton, Wordsworth, Tennyson, Browning, Lowell, Whittier, Carlyle, Emerson, Newman, have definitely sought to deepen and give expression to human consciousness of God in His world. Poets and prose writers, using all literary forms, have put into enduring speech the spiritual aspects of life and the spiritual aspirations of man; and by the beauty and fidelity with which they have spoken the deepest hopes and needs of each generation have constantly confirmed and reinvigorated the struggling spiritual life of the world.

But it is not in these specific services that the real contribution of literature to faith is to be sought. In its nature and function literature is itself a part of faith, for it is

the most complete and adequate disclosure of the life of man which we possess. Into it whatever is deepest and most significant in human nature has been pressed by that resistless pressure of experience which is in very truth the hand of God. The greatness of life, the possibilities of character and circumstance, the infinite variety of external fortune and inward development—all that by making life great, heroic, sorrowful, tragic conveys a just impression of its magnitude—find in literature their record and revelation.

The writing of the Divine Comedy effected a liberation of the Italian mind, not because it sought such an influence, but because it was so great in itself. In like manner literature, by the very vastness of human character and life which it discloses, compels a corresponding enlargement of vision. Time and matter cannot bound faculties and activities so deep, so vital, so spiritual as those which give their substance to great books. The authority of law is disclosed in the punishment of the evildoer even more distinctly than in the obedience of the just, and the presence of God in His world is evidenced as clearly in the consequences that flow from wrongdoing as in the beauty of righteousness. In the impartial disclosure of what is in man which literature makes there is revealed a divine presence which grows more and more distinct as the record becomes more complete. Because God is in man God is in literature, and the consciousness of man reflected there projects the divine image which lies in its depths.

BOSTON'S ART TREASURES.

BY O. M. E. R.

At our chief art center, the Museum of Fine Arts, even frequent visitors are apt to find something new. Far-away Iceland's daughter, Sigride Magnusson, has loaned a fine array of antique buckles, necklaces, bracelets, coronets and spoons, in *repoussé* and filagree silver. Some of these were made two hundred years ago, by ice-bound men in the dark winters, for their wives and sweethearts, and treasured as heirlooms through many generations. A few have historic associations—the quaint chain which belonged to the last Roman Catholic bishop of Iceland, beheaded in 1550, and a medal once owned by Snorri Sturluson, author of the Edda, dating back to the thirteenth century. Boston women propose to buy this unique collection for the museum. The purchase money endows the first college for Icelandic women.

Russia is now the cynosure of the world, and special interest attaches to the collection of native costumes loaned by Madame Pognosky of New York. A richly embroidered *kaftan* of blue silk recalls the days when Peter the Great forbade these overcoats, and many a nobleman suffered exile rather than give up the gorgeous gold and silver needlework. A golden brocade of 1650 and an antique head-dress studded with jewels betray the sumptuousness of the Slav lady of rank. Madame Pognosky wishes to help her distressed countrywomen by getting a market for the "cottage industries," and there are samples of their laces and hand-woven bed linen with quaint borders of drawn work.

In the succession of pictures which line the Printrooms, Adolph Menzel now has a

place. This German master made Frederick the Great the hero of his pencil as Carlyle did of his pen. With him art is characterization rather than beauty. Keen insight and vigor give artistic value to his pictures, which have documentary importance as portrayals of men, court scenes and life of that stirring epoch.

With only this stray glimpse of recent loans at the museum, let us turn to another art center, the Grundmann Studios, full of young life. The interior contains two pleasant audience-rooms named for Copley and Allston, a fine gymnasium for women artists and forty studios. These are irregular and picturesque, showing frankly the big rafters of construction, with angles, dormers, private staircases and surprises everywhere. The Art Students' Association, whose energy raised this memorial to a beloved master, recently invited its friends to a house-warming. It was delightful to wander at will through these studios, where, on easel and wall, young ambition showed its striving, its promise or its achievement. Amid soft lights, Oriental hangings and the quaint decorations beloved of Bohemians, the guests listened to songs, tinkling mandolins or noble piano solos, as they sipped dainty cups of tea. Perhaps the two most interesting studios are those of Max Bachmann, the sculptor, and Ross Turner, a master of water colors, who stands for the best in everything.

It was largely through Mr. Turner's influence that the Public School Art League was formed. This aims to put in schoolrooms photographs of famous buildings, statues and paintings, as well as portraits of illustrious men. In a recent exhibition the league gave an object lesson of the best things to call out the æsthetic sense latent in every child. Mr. Turner has prepared a chart on color, so that even kindergarten pupils may learn how to produce harmonious relations between colors.

The Art Students' Association has a national reputation for its superb costume festivals. To replenish its treasury, an Arabian Nights' Entertainment is to be held in December at the Grundmann Studios. The hall is to represent a street in Bagdad and the stage a room in the sultan's palace. No one is admitted without an Oriental costume, and it is sure to be a most brilliant gathering.

One of the coming art events is an exhibition patterned after the "gallery of fair women" held in London. Boston contributed about a dozen portraits to a similar exhibition now progressing in New York. The committee is already searching the town for fine portraits of women and children, of which there are many, not only by the best American artists, but also French and English. As for Copleys, the West End abounds in them. Did not Dr. Holmes tell us, "No Bostonian is truly aristocratic who has not an ancestor's portrait, painted by Copley?"

The discerning may gain artistic education in certain new shops brought us by the retreating waves of the Columbian Exposition. One contains only Spanish metal work, damasked in steel, an art legacy from the Moors. Besides small pieces of jewelry there are precious curios worthy of a museum. One is a small card-plate of black steel, decorated with crests of Spanish provinces exquisitely wrought in silver with lace-like delicacy, and costing \$800. A mirror for \$1,200, only twenty inches

high, has the frame elaborately damasked with gold and silver, and requires a magnifying glass to appreciate the marvelous workmanship.

A few doors beyond, but quite different in spirit, is a shop which transports one back to Italy. Coral, turquoise, mosaics, shelves full of Venetian glass, the alabaster carvings of Pisa and the quaint shapes and Renaissance decoration on jar, vase and plaque, from the potteries of Florence and Naples, give a good impression of the Italian bric-a-brac beloved of tourists. A few steps takes us to another nationality—how truly a country expresses its individuality in its handiwork! Costly and highly decorated ware of richest blue from the royal factories of Vienna, the tinted glass and delicate porcelain from Bohemia and the openwork *faience* from the little hillside town of Five Chapels in Hungary—these show what Austria is doing in ceramics.

A feast of good things greets us at Williams & Everett's art store. In one corner is a collection of choicest Japanese *cloisonné*, the intricate designs outlined in threads of gold and filled in with brilliant yellows, reds, rare purples or pale pinks. Two pieces are by Namikawa, the famous potter in Kyoto, whose three vases at the Chicago fair, valued at \$52,000, are the largest *cloisonné* specimens ever produced. On the way to the gallery observe the busts of Lowell, Whittier and Dr. Hale by Ordway Partridge; glance at the fine heads of Napoleon and a case of miniatures; study Haig's new etchings of the lofty nave of Amiens Cathedral and the solemn Norman grandeur of Durham; and inspect Fagan's reproductive etchings of The Song, after Meissonier, The Reader, after Fortuny, and the strong, sweet face of Queen Louise, after Richter. See enshrined in a rich, golden tabernacle the Madonna, newly reproduced from Hébert's Virgin of Deliverance. While summering at his childhood's home, Hébert promised the curate to paint an altarpiece. Years passed and renown effaced all memory of it. In 1870, laid low by fever, he was brought home by his mother and restored to health. The enemy's cannon were pointed at the town as he said farewell, and he made a solemn vow that if heaven would spare his home he would consecrate his genius to painting a Madonna.

The little gallery shows Waterman's suggestive sand dunes, Hassam's street life in Paris, Picknell's interpretation of nature's summer phases, Thomas Allen's cows by the water's edge, Norton's fisher-folk by the stranded ship, the sweep of surf, sea and sky by Halsall and Richards and, most impressive of all, the powerful conception of ships burning at night by George Inness. Those who love the tell-a-story sort of art will enjoy Dielman's large painting of the Puritan wedding.

The offer of a dry goods firm to give \$3,000 in prizes for the best pictures of New England life has set the artists searching for picturesque subjects. Shoppers may find the results in the temporary gallery. Among others may be seen The Turkey Pasture by Charles H. Hayden, A Quilting Bee by Caliga, The Village Doctor by Stacy Tolman, Watching for Mackerel by Henry Sandham, Pulling the Splinter by Eneking, The Kindergarten by Mary Norton and a charming outdoor group of mother and children by F. W. Benson. Here is manifest an important art lesson. Mere photographic fidelity has

small value—even superior technique is not all.

But art—a wider meaning. Worthless, dead—The shell without its pearl; the corpse of things—More woe is, till the spirit lends them wings. The poet who wakes no soul within his lute Falls short of art, 'twere better he were mute.

And of the artist this is doubly true.

RAFE.

BY HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD.

When Rafe at last fell asleep, after the doctors were through with him and had given him a composing draught, he had a singular dream. He had always the hearing of fine ears, and he had heard the doctors in the next room saying the injury to his back was such that it was doubtful if he ever walked again. For a moment a wave of anger had swept over him, a fierce surge of rage, against whom? against what? He knew not. His heart sank with the uselessness of his anger. It was idle to feel any indignation with the children who had pulled the chair out and let him fall—Marcia and Charlotte and John and Helen and the rest; he was one of them and as much in the sport as they had been. But at any rate there were the doctors; their shoulders were broad enough to bear his wrath. Much they knew! Walk again? Of course he should walk again! He would walk again just to defy them! He heard the children crying in the room above; he looked up and saw his mother's eyes brimming like two violets full of dew; something made his heart stand still for half a beat. Was it really so serious after all? He would not give up till his father gave up. Was that his father? He saw him in the mantel mirror, face down on the lounge in the other room, whose door had sprung ajar; he heard him—yes, he heard him groan. It was a dreadful sound; he felt himself trembling; his blood seemed to spin in a hot torrent. He would let them see whether he would walk or not! And then the beads started out on his forehead, on his breast—all over him; he had called on every power he had and he had not moved a line. And with that the fright, the horror, the effort, the composing draught all worked together, and he was sinking, sinking, sinking, and slowly drowned in sleep.

As he slept, and in his dream, the day was dying and he was far from home; he could see the last rays of the sun sparkling in the windows of the house up there—or was it the pillared porch of some building in the skies? Whatever it was, between him and its shining stairs stretched a weary space, long wastes of furze, pitfalls of bog, fields of stubble—a rough and rocky country where the dark gathered. A storm was coming up—he could not tell if it were the wind or some wild beast that howled. And there beyond, in the calm, upper light of the hillside, lay the dear home, where the sun, bursting from the low cloud, glittered on the panes. How could he ever reach it? How was he to cross that interminable country, with its flints, its stubble, its miry spots, its horrid shadows? His heart failed him and he was cold with the chill of death. And suddenly a strange buoyancy seemed to possess him; he looked up over his shoulder and a great form towered there—a great, beautiful shape clad in white, with long, rosy wings that shed a glow about them.

"O, you are going to carry me!" cried Rafe.

"No," said the angel, "you are going to walk. I am going to walk with you."

"What is your name?" said Rafe, looking up again wonderingly.

"I am called the Love of God," said the angel, and he put his strong, warm hand under Rafe's arm and they began to move. And half the weary length of the long way was behind them; and at the roughest places that strong, warm hand seemed to lift Rafe so that his feet skimmed over the top of the flints and the prickly stubble and never felt them. And they left storm and cloud far aside, and the miry spots were but pools reflecting heaven—in one of them he saw a star when he could see no star in the sky. And he was up on the clear, high level, twilight and blue darkness wrapping the country he had crossed, the steps of home shining in the yet higher light, when the pleasant wind gave a great sob and he woke to hear Bridget cry, "O, for the love of God, docthor dear, you do be hurting the b'y!"

He had probably dreamed all this while Bridget was exclaiming and the doctor was lifting him. He was not in any pain, but he was quite angry with Bridget for waking him. Yet it was a delightful dream that Bridget had given him—an immensely vivid dream to him; it all swept over him again. Then he looked up at her and smiled. And Bridget threw her apron over her head, crying, "O, the poor craythur!" and running from the room.

There had been an injury to the spinal cord, occasioning a temporary paralysis, and he could not speak. But he had no desire to speak. He closed his eyes and thought over his pleasant dream; its meaning flashed through his brain like a light. He was drowsing off again and seemed to hear the angel say: "Any love helps, you know. But the love of God helps and lifts, too."

He was saying it to himself as he woke again and saw his mother sitting by the bedside crying. That was a love that hurt, he thought. He did not like to see her crying; it declared that something dreadful was the matter with him. His poor, little ailing mother, who had such trouble with her strong, unruly brood—he was sorry to have her feel so bad. She held his limp hand in hers. He tried to tell her not to worry, to say he was all right. His eyes darkened with horror when he found that even a sound was impossible. He was faint and everything was growing black. But there was his mother still crying—he must reassure her at any rate. The will to do it seemed to tingle through him as if he had caught hold of a huge magnet, and suddenly his mother exclaimed, "O, he understands! He is conscious! He has pressed my hand!"

"He will come round then," said the doctor. "The vitality of youth is an enormous element. It has given new life to the nerve force."

"It was love that gave it," thought Rafe, and he pressed his mother's hand again.

"O, my dear boy!" she cried, wiping his forehead and her own eyes. "My darling one! It is too great an effort!"

"It has saved him," the doctor said. "He might have sunk away into nothingness but for that effort."

"But for that love," thought Rafe. "That was the love that helps," he thought, as he fell off to sleep again.

"And the love of God helps and lifts, too," said the angel in his thoughts.

It was some time after this, when he could both speak and move his arms, that Miss Persis, to whom he had told his dream, which was still such a real thing to him, and who often left the children to their own devices that she might come and relieve his mother, was sitting beside his bed and reading. She read in a low and lulling tone the Twenty-third Psalm. "He leadeth me beside the still waters," she said.

"O, they are very still waters!" exclaimed Rafe, with a weary bitterness.

"I suppose you mean," said Miss Persis, "that this pain and paralysis seem cruel."

"Of course I do!" he cried.

"Don't you think, Rafe, dear," said poor Miss Persis, "that you are very young to—to pass sentence on God?" She hesitated, thinking he might not understand her, but went on, remembering how preternaturally illness sometimes sharpens the understanding, as a pear ripens first round the sting of the wasp. "Don't you think that you are—that I am—too small and dull to attempt to solve the riddle of the universe? The best minds have failed to solve that riddle, to discover the mystery of pain. Do you suppose you can?"

"I can feel it," said Rafe, grimly.

"I don't suppose," she said, "that you ever, on a spring morning, when you saw the sky burning velvet-blue behind the rosy apple blossoms, the air clear as crystal and overflowing with sunshine, were filled with a sense of the beauty of the world, every one of your nerves thrilling with the joy of it?"

"I don't know," said Rafe.

"Or, on a summer evening, when all was tender purple and stars looked down from far above and up from far beneath, and you heard bells ringing over the water, and the breath of a flower floated by like a waft of the air of another world?"

"I don't know," said Rafe, again. "No, I guess not. I didn't want to go to bed, though. Yes, I suppose so."

"And I have been, too. And I felt as if it were God's very word spoken to me—His own voice and message. And my heart sprang to hear it and I answered Him with my joy."

"Well, may be," said Rafe, rather indifferently.

"And do you suppose it may not be that when some pain as sharp, some suffering as strong in its way as the joy was in that way, comes to us, and again makes every nerve thrill and answer, it isn't equally a message from God—that He is not saying that word also to us?"

"Why?" demanded Rafe. "I hadn't done anything! O, I never did anything very, very wrong, you know—would you fix the pillows, Miss Persis? They are so hot! I am so tired!—except to make John mind, and he ought to mind."

"Why?" That is the question the thinkers of all time have asked," Miss Persis said, as she made him easier. "And no one knows the answer. We only know there must be an answer, because God is good."

"How do you know that?" asked Rafe, his big eyes burning with the pain just then. "If He made pain, was that good?"

"I suppose the dragon fly, bursting his sheath, suffers pain. But what wings he gets by means of it to fly through all heaven!"

"But why couldn't it have been made so there wouldn't have been the pain?"

"There it is. And we don't know. We do know that suffering, rightly taken, strengthens the wings of the soul and gives them great flight heavenward. And it gives insight, too. You understand what I say to you now, for instance, but six months ago I should not have thought of talking this way."

"Yes," said Rafe, "I have grown so old. I don't have anything to do but to think now and to ache. I'd like to be the way I was six months ago, though! I'm dead tired of wrestling with this pain, Miss Persis."

Miss Persis seldom pitied Rafe in words, fearing her pity might only weaken him. "The young Greeks that you are so fond of reading about," she said, "developed their limbs and muscles with constant struggle and wrestle. And it really made them resemble the ideal they had of their own gods. Perhaps we grow to resemble our loftier ideal only by struggle and wrestle of the soul, and suffering is the only thing we have to wrestle with. It is like the angel of the Lord that came for the patriarch to wrestle with in the night, you remember. We can't tell what great, fine thing this wrestling may make us. 'For now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be,'" said Miss Persis. "Anyway, pain must be a sort of consecration, Rafe. It brings us nearer to God."

"It doesn't me," said Rafe.

"But it will. Suffering is surely the secret place of God, for we cannot penetrate its reason, and, you know, 'He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.' If God gives pain, He gives it as He does other blessings"—

"Other blessings!"

"He gives it with His own hand. You take it straight from Him. And how close it brings you"—

"I don't want to be close to any one who gives me such aching. O, Miss Persis, let me hold your hand!"

"Don't you remember what the prophet thought God said to him? 'When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. . . . Fear not; for I am with thee.' That is, you know, if you want Him, if you call."

"O, I don't care! I don't care for anything, if I am never to go out again—or run—or grow. It's a little easier now. But I heard the doctors say"—

"If any one took you, Rafe, into a wonderful place, all shining and clear, with steps leading up into the very courts of heaven, only you were blind and could not see a thing of the glory and loveliness, and a hand came and tore away the film over your eyes, even if it hurt, would you not love the hand? Some time, because of this pain and suffering, your larger vision will see into a world of which you do not dream today. And I suppose there must be an especial purpose in opening your eyes to it. Now I think it is time for nourishment"—

"It's always time for something hateful," said Rafe.

And while Miss Persis sat and softly sang Rafe shut his eyes and tried to sleep and could not and had to think. And what he thought was that there was no power on earth to help him and where could he look for help? Too young, too weak, too igno-

rant to reach it, in the long midnights when sleep failed him, in the long hours before the gray of dawn, it must have been that the Lord's protection came to the child, called him by name and wrapped him round.

It was several weeks later that Miss Persis had been reading in Revelation a chapter that always took Rafe's fancy with the story of the city of jewels descending out of heaven from God. "'Neither shall there be any pain there,'" she repeated, after she had finished it. The night was warm and the window was opened wide and the curtains drawn apart, and Rafe, among his pillows, could see the moon flooding all the sapphire hollow of the sky with light. There had been a storm in the distance and some enormous snowy clouds were piled in lofty masses above a base of low, purple thunderclouds where the silent lightnings still shot to and fro, and every few moments the reflection of the lightnings filled the high, snowy masses with a splendor of quivering, wavering, evanescent flame, till they seemed like towers of fire-opal itself.

"You can almost see it now," said Rafe, "that city."

"What a beautiful world it is," said Miss Persis, as she built up his pillows again. "What a beautiful being God must be to have dreamed of such beauty and to have made it—if it is not, indeed, a part of Him."

"Yes," said Rafe.

"See the moon—how she rides up in majesty."

"She is like a queen going to her palace—that great tower there in the clouds," said Rafe.

"Yes. We are so apt to personify the wonderful things of nature. Are you quite comfortable now? But she is not a queen; she is not moving consciously, nor of herself. It is the force of God that moves her, as it is that bursts the flower from the bud, that brings the fragrance of the honeysuckle to you on the breath of the night."

"And that makes me see the beauty of it all," said Rafe.

"If beauty is a part of God," Miss Persis said, after they had looked out in silence a little while, "how freely He is giving Himself to us all the time! How He must love us! For you see beauty is everywhere, in the crystal of the grain of sand as much as in the high arch of heaven. How can one see the summer night—that pale, far planet there, like an outpost of universes yet beyond—and not believe in God and not love Him?"

"I do believe in Him, Miss Persis," said Rafe. "I do love Him."

Sitting in the window-seat Miss Persis began softly to sing the Hundredth Psalm to a sweet old chant, the moonlight falling over her. Rafe had heard it many times, but it seemed to him that night, hearing it, as if he had gone a little way behind the words and the music into the heart of things.

"One almost thinks," said Miss Persis, presently, "that what the apostle said of faith, that it is the evidence of things not seen, is hardly the whole of truth on such a night as this."

"When we feel as if we could see so far into heaven," said Rafe.

"But what a mighty thing faith is," she went on, as if thinking aloud. "I wonder a boy needs anything more heroic to fire his fancy to great deeds than the tremendous words about those 'who through faith

subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.'"

"O!" said Rafe, "I shall never do anything like that! I shall only be lying here."

"That is not so sure," said Miss Persis. But if you do there will be some reason for it. I was reading the other day what Fra Ugo Bassi said in the hospital where the people, lying in their beds in five converging chambers, heard him. Although I do not believe all as he did, yet I find the thought great and beautiful, and so will you. Suffering is the cup that the gospel says Christ prayed might pass from Him, and Fra Ugo Bassi says:

But if Himself He come to thee, and stand Beside thee, gazing down on thee with eyes That smile and suffer—that will smite thy heart With thine own pity to a passionate peace— And reach to thee Himself the holy cup (With all its wreathen stems of passion flowers And quivering sparkles of the ruby stars), Pallid and royal, saying, "Drink with Me." Wilt thou refuse? Nay, not for Paradise! The pale brow will compel thee, the pure hands Will minister unto thee; thou shalt take Of that communion through the solemn depths Of the dark waters of thine agony With heart that praises Him, that yearns to Him The closer through that hour. Hold fast His hand Though the nails pierce thee, too! Take only care Least one drop of the sacramental wine Be spilled, of that which ever shall unite Thee, soul and body, to thy living Lord! Therefore gird up thyself, and come to stand Unflinching under the unfaltering hand That waits to prove thee to the uttermost. It were not hard to suffer by His hand If thou couldst see His face—but in the dark! That is the one last trial: be it so.

"In the dark," said Rafe; "that is what faith is for, I suppose. That is where the angel in my dream helps, too."

"For to believe in God is to love Him. And love is that strong angel," said Miss Persis.

"But always to be lying here is so hard, Miss Persis!"

"Yet so much easier for the company of that great angel with the rosy wings."

"And never to do anything for Him!"

"How can you tell?" coming back from the window where she had lingered and bringing him a rose with the dew on it. "Sometimes I think what a wonder may be wrought," she said, "by such long preparation and the sanctification of pain. When I look forward I see a man fitted by it for work among the toiling millions in the far east, in the islands of the sea, with the cow-boys of the plains, in the dark quarters of the city, for God's work anywhere, everywhere! I hear his voice like a silver trumpet telling the message suffering has brought him, the cheer the love of God has taught him"—

"O, Miss Persis!"

"But, even if that never comes, it may be something greater and better yet just to lie and bear God's will—to lie in the daily and hourly touch of His hand—doing something for Him so every suffering moment. It must be a vast and wonderful work that needs such a lifetime for making ready, as if some knight forged his own armor piece by piece and kept his vigil, too."

"O, Miss Persis, you put the heart in one so!"

"No, not I, but that strong angel, the Love of God, whose touch makes suffering sweet, even if it does not make its reason plain. Perhaps only when I meet you yourself—a great, swift seraph sweeping through space on your divine errand—shall I know what all this meant, this weary time of pain and suffering in the dark."

"It isn't always in the dark," said Rafe.

The Home

SORROWFUL ANNIVERSARIES.

BY HARRIET MCEWEN KIMBALL.

Sad days, returning but to fill
A fresh for us the cup of pain,
And force our stricken hearts anew
That bitter cup to drain!

Yet blessed days, if there be left
Of that sad draught no cruel sting,
And only hallowed memories
To sorrow's chalice cling!

The brutality of intercollegiate football games is not the only feature to be deplored in recent public exhibitions. Though essentially different in character, the spectacle of overdressed women at the late horse show in New York is nearly as degrading, in the judgment of sober folk, as the sight of young men knocking each other to pieces in athletic contests. A literal order given by a young woman to her dressmaker for the horse show was this: "I want a dress that will be as conspicuous as possible." This seems to be the principle on which most of the gowns were selected for that occasion, and a writer in the *New York Post* says, with commendable severity: "Formerly garish colors and staring styles of dress were affected in public places only by the unfortunate members of our sex, but now it would seem to be admissible for the fortunate to flaunt flamingo plumage" at such places. It is a mark of refinement to wear a costume exactly suited to the occasion, and the display of gay attire on the street and at public shows has a vulgarizing tendency which all good women should discourage by voice and example.

THE NEW HOME.

BY MRS. M. E. SANGSTER.

A tender and sacred interest attaches itself to our thought of the new home, by which we mean the home first set up by a newly-married husband and wife. It may be, in its way, of the order of a tent, simply a room or two in a boarding-house, or, better, because containing more true homeliness, a modest apartment on an obscure street. But be it what or where it may, this new home is a starting point for influences and events which shall reach forward to eternity.

Whenever possible, the home should begin in housekeeping, the young married people assuming at once the state and the responsibilities of householders. In these days the wife has acquired some skill in domestic economy in her girlhood; it is the fashion for girls to be trained in the frugalities and made competent to the good management of the house, and skillful cooks not a few may be found among our college women. I have always held, however, that there is nothing so mysterious or so difficult about housekeeping that it need alarm the most inexperienced novice. Any moderately intelligent young woman ought to grasp the principles of housekeeping and put them into creditable practice in six weeks, especially if she have as a motive the pleasure and profit of the man she loves best out of the whole world. Once it may have been a more formidable task to keep house notably to the comfort and well-being of a family, but applied science and wonderful modern conveniences have smoothed the path for the feet of the bride,

and she cannot, unless in a new country, encounter many obstacles to success.

To the new home let wife and husband bring entire confidence on the subject of finance. How much can we afford to spend? or, How little must we get along upon? are pertinent questions. It is cowardly to shirk the responsibilities of home-making because the exchequer is limited. Granted that one has a settled sum per week or month, however small, common sense and simple arithmetic will indicate how to apportion it. Rent, fuel, food, furnishing, these cost money, but rent is foundational, and that, or whatever stands for it, must show the style in which the young people may live.

So far as the outside world is concerned, it will care very little whether the new home is a brown-stone front on an avenue or a flat over a shop. Our friends, if they are worthy the name, care for ourselves, not for our environment, and less than we sometimes think are any beyond our immediate kindred concerned about our external abode. I have seen the most brilliant throng in a brilliant circle of exclusive society people gathered in the tiny rooms of a bit of a house in a bit of an obscure court in the most unfashionable quarter of New York, but the young people whose home this was were of that fit and favored few at whose table a crust would taste like ambrosia.

Build the new home on the self-respecting corner stone of freedom not only from debt, but from worry lest debt should be incurred. Build it next on a strong and broad and deep anchorage in this stormy world, that of perfect love and changeless trust. Nothing but love will endure the stress and strain, the wear and tear of living. Love, true love, must pulsate in the atmosphere of the new home.

In the very beginning let the altar of the Lord be set up, and in no circumstances suffer it to be neglected. A blessing asked at the table, family prayer, the habit of church-going, the habit of Sabbath-keeping—these go far to insure the lasting happiness of those who have entered into relations which are not for a day, nor for a year, but for all time. The new home will have its occasional flurries, for two adults brought up under different family influences cannot settle at once into complete harmony. But the little breezes will blow away and the sun come out the brighter, if there be love, conscience and mutual respect on the part of the married young people.

It is customary to speak of the wife as the home-maker, but this is only a partial truth. Husbands have as much to do with the happiness of home life as wives have. It is as certainly a husband's duty as it is that of a wife to be a cheery, bright-spirited comrade on the road, and an agreeable inmate of the household. If a man thinks otherwise, it shows him to have been badly brought up and deficient in observation. Neither party alone is the home-maker. The sweet privilege of home-building belongs to both.

Each person at table should feel a responsibility toward keeping up an agreeable flow of conversation. The story is told of a celebrated Frenchwoman, who provided a slender bill of fare but gave dinners which were famous for the sparkle of wit and good cheer. At one time her butler whispered to her, "One more story, madame, and the guests will not notice that there is no roast."

A FEW CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

BY SARAH A. MOORE.

So long as men and women love comfort and ease, so long will cushions for sofas, chairs and window seats remain in favor. A pretty one is covered with squares of thick, fine brown linen, worked with heavy silk in any conventional pattern, which gives a continuous edge of buttonhole stitch, so that the linen may be trimmed close to the work. These are put diagonally across the pillow, the corners of which are covered with full puffs of China silk, harmonizing in color with the colors used in the embroidery. Yellow and dark golden browns are, perhaps, as effective as any, though old blues or dark, soft reds might be used.

A particularly dainty square pillow has a cover of white linen, embroidered with little sprays of small flowers carelessly scattered over it, something like the Dresden pattern in china. These are worked with washable silks in soft, pale colors, pinks, blues and yellows. The edge of the pillow is finished with a four-inch ruffle of the linen, the edge being worked in scallops with whichever shade of silk it is desired should give the predominant tone to the pillow.

There is no abatement in the favor shown to plainly woven white linen for lunch cloths and doilies. A new set is embroidered with glossy white silk in a thistle pattern, the oval seed vessel of each thistle being made of one large oval of the honiton lace now so much used with linen. These ovals, medallions they are sometimes called, are buttonholed around the edge with the silk, and the linen beneath them is then cut out.

Another lunch cloth, instead of being hemstitched, has a row of the honiton inserting just above the three-inch hem, which should be sewed by hand. The edges of the insertion should be buttonholed with white silk and the linen beneath very carefully cut out. The decoration of this is a trailing vine, laid on irregularly, so that a part of it is on the hem and a part on the body of the cloth, and so arranged that only the stem of the vine seems to be interrupted by the row of lace.

Dainty doilies are made from bolting cloth, which looks as if spun by fairy fingers but with a little care may be laundered successfully. Take a piece five inches square, sketch upon it an enlarged wild rose, work the edge with pale pink filo-floss in buttonhole stitch, and fill in at least half of each petal with plain Kensington stitch, but not so closely as to make the work seem heavy. Work the middle with yellow and pale green, and trim the edge so that the completed doily has the shape of a rose. An apple blossom is of similar shape, but is shaded differently, and a large pond lily, which is almost round as commonly arranged for embroidery, with the edges of the petals worked with white silk, and just touched with pink, is exquisite.

Photograph frames are covered with white linen embroidered with tiny flowers. The cardboard foundations for these frames are not expensive, but may be easily made if it is not convenient to buy them. Cut two pieces of cardboard, the size of which must vary with the size of the photograph. At right angles to the corners of one of these cut out a square as the opening for the photograph. Cover the cardboard with cotton wadding, and draw the linen tightly

over this, fastening firmly by long stitches, or with white glue, on the back. Then cut out the opening for the picture, leaving margin enough to cover the edges of the opening neatly. The back may be covered with linen or with paper, and after the photograph is put in place glued firmly to the front. A little brace of cardboard may be glued to the back, or a little ring attached by which to hang it. Similar frames may be covered with colored chamois leather, painted with any dainty design in oil colors. For any such work the colors should be mixed with turpentine to remove the surplus oil, and the addition of a little megilp might sometimes be desirable.

While pins remain a necessity of civilization, pincushions of various sorts will be welcomed by almost any one. For a pin roll cut two circular pieces of cardboard, three inches in diameter, and two pieces of white linen four inches in diameter. Work a single large flower on each piece of linen, fold the edges over the cardboard, holding in place by long stitches from side to side. Sew the two pieces of covered cardboard firmly together in overhand fashion. To finish the edges, work with fine floss a deep buttonhole stitch through only the linen, and in working the second side catch each stitch into the edge of the work on the opposite side. Hang by a narrow ribbon. The pins are stuck in the edge of the roll.

Another hanging cushion is made by covering a square cushion, filled with hair or cotton so as to be soft and very flat, with narrow ribbons of two or more shades, closely woven in and out either in plain squares or a more intricate pattern, but so as to completely cover the cushion, which is hung from one corner by a ribbon loop.

We are always looking for a safe place to throw burnt matches, and a holder for these is made of one of the small, thin glasses used nowadays for lemonade or sherbet. A spray of flowers is painted on the glass, and when this is thoroughly dry the glass is slipped into a chain of silk covered rings a little smaller than the top of the glass, which holds it firmly in place, and it may be hung from any convenient place by a loop of ribbon fastened to the rings.

For a calendar and blotting-book combined take two of the large sheets of white blotting paper, each of which will cut into six pieces seven by eight inches. With a fine pointed pencil sketch in irregular outline on each of these the calendar for one month. Then with a very fine brush and water colors, or oil colors made thin with turpentine and megilp, trace these lines, using different colors for the different sheets, and add a suitable quotation—if from a favorite author of the friend for whom you make it so much the better. Trace this in fancy letters near the top of the sheet, so that there will be a clear space at the bottom for the practical uses of a blotter. Punch two holes near the upper edge and tie the sheets loosely together with a narrow ribbon.

In these days of "thimble parties" a pretty work-bag is a necessity. Cut a circular piece of cardboard four and a half inches in diameter, pad slightly with cotton wadding and cover with fancy silk, sewing the edges "over and over." To the edge of this gather the lower edge of the bag, which should be made quite full, at least twenty-five inches in circumference, and fifteen inches deep. Unless the silk is firm

in texture it should be made double, or the lining may be of a contrasting color. Turn over three and a half inches at the top for a frill and a shir in which the narrow drawing ribbons run. On the bottom sew one or two little leaves of fine cloth or leather for needles, fastening a narrow ribbon to the outer leaf and another to the bottom of the bag, so that they tie up like an ordinary needlebook.

Possibly you have a friend who is practical in her tastes, but she may not have a mending-bag with needles, darning-cotton and buttons all together, and practical women are apt to have more or less mending to do. This may be made of fine, brown linen, and should be of ample proportions. If made with the stiff bottom piece this should not be less than eight inches across, and the bag should be eighteen inches deep, gathered with a cord from the upper edge, which may be hemstitched. Instead of making pockets for cotton, buttons, etc., on the inside put them on the outside where one can always see at a glance which pocket holds what is wanted. For the pockets cut strips of linen twelve inches long and five inches wide, bind with ribbon and fold so that one end makes a pocket five inches deep and the other makes a two-inch flap to button over the opening. Stitch these pockets firmly to the bag. In irregular letters outline on the bag the motto which naturally suggests itself, "Never too late to mend."

None of these things is so plain and commonplace as to indicate any lack of care and thought on the part of the giver, and none is too fine for everyday, or at least frequent, use.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

BY MRS. M. C. HANKIN.

So much is said, nowadays, about Christmas being the children's day that this heading will at once call up visions of dolls, sleds, skates, games, toys and the fifty other things with which young folks of this generation are annually overwhelmed. It sometimes seems as if we were trying to make our boys and girls wholly selfish and to deprive them of all the best joy of the Christmas tide. Too often their only thought in anticipation is of receiving—"What shall I get?"—while, naturally, the end of the day finds them tired and irritable, perhaps even disappointed, dissatisfied and envious.

It seems like trite advice to say that if we would have our children get the most satisfaction out of Christmas we must teach them to give as well as to receive, and that the giving must be of a kind to cost them something. Yet observation shows that little regard is paid to such a rule in many homes. Of themselves, the majority of children would probably seldom think of making Christmas gifts for their friends, or at least not until too late to do it successfully, but the suggestion once made, they will enter into the plan most heartily. Of course the mother will often be appealed to for advice, suggestion and help, but she will many times be surprised at the originality of little minds and the cleverness of little fingers.

Let the work begin as early as convenient, so that it can be brought out every rainy day and that there may be no nervous hurrying in that always busy last week before Christmas. Each child must have a box into which his particular gifts are to be placed as soon as finished and into which

no other member of the family is at liberty to look, for a good part of the enjoyment lies in the secrecy and mystery connected with the making of these trifles. Sometimes a corner of the room must be made into a little tent in order that operations may be carried on secure from curious eyes, and that will add to the fun.

"But what are they to make?" Well, there are always holders, pen-wipers, spectacle cases and aprons, as well as blotters and sachets, but it is just as well to let a child plan his own gifts, if he be so inclined. Perhaps it may be interesting to know of some of the things made for last Christmas by a boy and girl under nine years old. First came a scrap-book, every picture for which had been selected, cut out and pasted in by the boy without advice or direction, and which not only showed some good taste, but also his fondness for animals and flowers. Many happy hours were spent in making it and thinking about the little sick boy for whom it was intended and whose life it greatly brightened. Then with much thought and experimenting, this same little fellow made some artificial flowers out of bits of bright silk. The stems were of wire, covered with green silk, and if the blossoms were not exactly like any to be found in our fields or gardens, they were nevertheless very precious to the mother who felt the love that came with them, and who appreciated the child's desire to make something pretty for her. A box was covered with birch bark, the lid brightened by a pretty picture, and all through the year the child has had the satisfaction of seeing his stamp box on his father's desk in constant use.

A piece of pasteboard cut in the shape of a canoe, covered with birch bark, bound with bright ribbon and having a silk top drawn with ribbons, was worked on by the little girl, at intervals, for two weeks, and in the end formed a pretty work-bag for a favorite aunt. For a little cousin a bib was worked in outline stitch with red cotton, while an older brother who had the stamp mania received a home-made stamp album. The two children went into partnership in making this. The sister sewed sheets of white paper together for the album, and for months both devoted themselves to collecting from various sources unusual stamps of all kinds. These were properly put in with hinges, and the result was a source of satisfaction to the little collectors and thoroughly appreciated by the recipient, although he could hardly realize the hours of loving thought that had been spent on it during his absence at school.

Pretty kindergarten embroidery cards were made into sachets by selecting two of the right size, working them with silk of suitable shades, placing cotton filled with powdered orris root between and sewing them together with a binding of ribbon to match. But the gift which grandma valued the most was a mat which the little girl made entirely herself from some bright papers that had been given her. It showed her own taste, the deftness of her fingers as well as care and patience, and no wonder the loving grandmother prized it, knowing that she had been in her darling's thoughts all through.

These gifts were all, in one sense, poor trifles, but in another they could hardly be excelled. Each one showed something of the individuality of the giver and a thoughtfulness of the taste of the receiver, while

there was no doubt of the love which went with them all. "The gift without the giver is bare" could be said of none of these. In addition there had been happy weeks when the busy mother was never at a loss for an answer to that dreaded question, "What can we do?" The "Christmas box" is an institution in that household, and in the earlier months of the year it serves as a birthday box as well. We commend it to all homes where it is a stranger, feeling sure that mothers and children both will thank us for the introduction.

SUNDAY OCCUPATIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.*

TALKS ABOUT THE BIBLE. NO. VII.

BY MRS. CLARA SMITH COLTON, PATCHOGUE, N. Y.

Jesus referred to the Bible as "the book." See Luke 4: 16, 17. Tell the children the incident which is related of Sir Walter Scott. Shortly before he died, he said, "Bring me the book." Some one asked, "What book?" And he replied, "There is but one book in the world, and that is God's Word." Let us think of some of the things which we learn from the Bible that are different from what we learn in other books, and this will show us what Sir Walter meant. It was his way of saying that the Bible is the best of books and no other could take its place.

People who have not had the Bible have strange ideas of how the world was made. Illustrate by telling what the ancient Greeks and Romans thought and the queer ideas that heathen nations have about the creation of the world and how it is ruled. What do we know about this? Read Gen. 1: 1, 3, 11, 12, 16, 21, 24, 27. Without much further explanation the children will be ready for this statement:

The Bible tells us about the beginning of all things.

Again, if we did not have God's Word we could only wonder if the world and its people would always be just as it is now. But we are told about this: Matt. 13: 39; 24: 35, 36, 42, 44 and Rev. 21: 1. So we can say:

The Bible tells us about the end of all things.

And we are told about the people when this "end" comes. John 14: 1-5, Matt. 25: 31, 34, explaining the word "inherit." Read Rev. 21: 7, explaining it by Rom. 12: 21.

The Bible tells us that we may "inherit all things."

The Bible explains what is meant by "all things." Read and explain and bring out clearly the following seven points from the 21st chapter of Revelation.

"Inherit all things."

1. A beautiful city.
2. We shall be sons of God.
3. We shall have safety and light all the time; i. e., "no night there."
4. No one will have any pain there.
5. No one will have any sorrow there.
6. There will be no death there; that is, all these joys will be forever [Rev. 22: 5].
7. There will be nothing evil there; all will be goodness and love [27].

We cannot "inherit all things" unless we "overcome evil." We all know how hard this is. Speak of temptations that come to boys and girls as well as to older persons. How may we overcome evil and be fit to live in the happy place where everything is good and loving? Some people once asked Jesus this question and we can read His answer in the Bible [John 6: 27, 28, 40; 3: 36; and 1 John 5: 5]. Explain that "seeth the Son" means to know about Jesus and believe in Him, which all may do by means of the Bible. With His help we can overcome evil. Read John 14: 23; Jas. 1: 12; Matt. 26: 41; 2 Tim. 4: 18 and 1 Cor. 10: 13.

Find other verses containing "believe," so that the children may see how much the Bible

says about "belief." Then this statement may be made:

The Bible tells us how we may inherit all things, that is, by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now read John 3: 16 and 1 John 3: 16; Rom. 5: 8 and 1 John 3: 1; 4: 7-21 and 5: 1-6. Look up other "love" verses, if desired, so as to lead to this statement:

The Bible is the one book in the world in which God Himself tells of His love to us.

Learning by doing, or occupation for the hands:

Let each child have five strips of cardboard, on which the following has been written, respectively:

EXPLAINS

1. —eginning of all things.

THE PROMISE.

2. —nheritance of all things.

HOW?

3. —elief on the Lord Jesus.

WHY?

4. —ove of God for us.

EXPLAINS

5. —nd of all things.

The children are to discover for themselves that the first letters when supplied spell Bible, as the strips should not be given them in order. Let them have patterns of the letters (get them from advertising pages of magazines) and either cut them from gilt paper and paste on the strips or outline them on the strips and color with paints.

IN THE LIBRARY.

If there are children in the home make sure of having the dictionary where it can be easily consulted.

A soft painter's brush will be found excellent for dusting bookcases and brushing the dust from the tops and edges of books.

Shelving fitted into the walls is very satisfactory if one owns the house in which he lives, and the cost is less than for a regular cabinetmaker's case.

Plenty of light, even if it be artificial, comfortable chairs and a table around which all may gather are among the requisites of a well-appointed library.

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The Conversation Corner.

THE *Congregationalist* of Nov. 22 is just received, with Kitty Clover at the top of our Corner about cats, but with the closing paragraph on the same subject left out and its place taken by some of the benevolent Despot's private notices. But I have the proof of the omitted paragraph, and here it is:

The unconscious usefulness of our cat friends finds a pleasant illustration in a letter just received from a lady who has been for years a "shut-in":

Am confined almost wholly to my bed, but I mean to gather up daily all the sunshine possible. With the Father's blessing, my life is not cheerless. My interesting cat and frolicsome kitten, my flowers, "radiant signatures of the infinite Spirit," and my books, keep my life from being a monotony.

I have three other animals awaiting notice. The first is a biped—the one a hundred and fifty years old lately borrowed from the Cambridge steeple as a figure-head for the Corner:

HYDE PARK, MASS.

Dear Mr. Martin: I am too far advanced to be a Cornerer, but I always read the Corner with much interest. Especially was I interested in the picture of the big bird from the "cockle church." Somewhere about 1858 the old church on Hanover Street was being painted, or at least its steeple, and while the staging was up I, then a boy and clerk in a store under its shadow, started with several men to climb up, hand over hand, until we reached the top. Only two of us arrived there, the others declaring that the steeple rocked and abandoning the attempt. I remember the distance between the stagings was just enough for me to reach from one to the other. The street looked from the summit like a narrow lane. The steeple was said to be about the height of Bunker Hill Monument, and when we reached the top the rooster was almost as tall as myself. I had lost all trace of the bird and never expected to find him in a corner! J. P. H.

Moral: The way to find any lost animals of history is to ask for them in the Corner! The next letter gives a college girl's experience in Lower Canada the last summer:

O Mr. Martin, such jolly times as I had up in Canada. I went out on the lakes with the Indians in their canoes, sailed up the rivers and caught lots of fish. Then we sat before great open fires and played games in the evening. We had the funniest dogs, who couldn't understand a word of English. If we said *whoa* they trotted right along, so we had to shout "*arrêtez*," if we would have them stop. If we clicked to them to "get up," they paid no attention, but when we said "*allez*" or "*marche donc*," they started up lively. We rode in "calashes" and met so many funny looking people and houses. Maybe I have not spelled all my words right, but I feel as though I was almost a French Canadian!

That reminds me of a funny experience I had many years ago with a Canadian pony. I took a calèche to go from Wolfe's Cove in Quebec up to the Plains of Abraham. The road was very steep and the driver got off and walked, handing me the reins. I told him that I should run away with his horse, but he laughed at that, as I could not speak French and the pony could not speak English! When he was well in the rear I shouted, "*Marche donc*" to the horse most vigorously, as I had often heard the Lower Canadian *habitant* do, with the desired effect! The jolly Frenchman came running and puffing after me. I stopped till he came up and we had a hearty laugh.

The most interesting animal calling for our attention is the little lamb that Mary had, in the famous verses familiar to two generations of children. I said in the Corner of Oct. 4 that "I believed" that

the author of that poem was "still living in an adjoining town" (to Medford), meaning Somerville. My belief was wrong. A Somerville gentleman has sent me a local paper containing a full account of the lady who has been long associated with the poetry, not indeed as its author, but as its heroine, Mrs. Mary E. Tyler. She died several years ago.

The story is this: When a girl she was Mary Sawyer and lived in the quiet, pleasant town of Sterling, Mass. (near Shrewsbury, which a Corner letter had to do with last week). A little lamb about to die she took care of and it became her pet companion. It did follow her to school one day, as in the verse. On the day of the lamb's attendance at school there was a visitor there, John Roulstone, a college student. The next day he brought to her at the schoolhouse a little poem about her lamb. The lamb itself was killed by a cow in Mary's barn and died in her arms. From the wool sheared from it her mother knit her two pairs of stockings. These she kept, in memory of her pet, until the time of raising the fund for the preservation of the Old South Church, when she unraveled them, and bits of the yarn, fastened to cards, were sold for one hundred dollars.

Now this story is doubtless true, except the connection of the Sterling lamb and the historic poem. This has been attributed to Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, a well-known writer of the last generation. To confirm this I wrote to her son, Hon. Horatio Hale, a scientific scholar and writer in Canada. I quote from his courteous reply:

CLINTON, ONTARIO.

"Mary's lamb" was written by my mother and first appeared in a little book entitled "Poems for Our Children," which was published in Boston in 1830 by Marsh, Capen & Lyon. In 1889, at the request of my cousin, Hon. Geo. S. Hale of Boston, I prepared a statement of the facts respecting the origin and publication of the poem. This appeared, with introductory remarks by him, in the *Boston Evening Transcript* of April 10, 1889. . . . The immense and enduring popularity of the poem, which has probably had a wider circulation and more valuable influence than any other short poem (outside the Scriptures) that was ever composed, seem to give the facts an historical value that should make them worthy of preservation.

Yours faithfully, HORATIO HALE.

I have looked up the article named, which bears out fully the above statement. Mrs. Hale, without doubting at all Mary Sawyer's experience, dictated to one of her children the following:

Pet lambs are common enough and the incident of one of them following its young mistress to school may have happened on more than one occasion. It did actually happen to my mother. She was a farmer's daughter [in Newport, N. H.] and had several pet lambs at different times. One of them did once follow her to school and lingered about the door precisely as she has recorded in her poem.

The truth would seem to be that Roulstone's verses were, long after the time of their writing, mixed in memory with Mrs. Hale's poem, which had then become popular. I have not found the 1830 book of poems, but saw in the Boston Public Library "The School Song Book," also by Mrs. Hale (Boston, 1834), which has the poem complete, followed by an old-fashioned woodcut of a boy lying down on a grassy bank and pointing to two lambs near him. "It snows, cried the schoolboy," was also written by Mrs. Hale, but "Mary" has outlived all her other productions.

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The Sunday School

LESSON FOR DEC. 16.

Matt. 10: 5-16.

THE TWELVE SENT FORTH.

BY REV. A. E. DUNNING, D.D.

When those chosen to be apostles had learned somewhat of the principles of the kingdom their Master came to found, had seen Him working miracles and had imbibed His spirit, He sent them on their first mission to proclaim His teaching. The first business of the disciple is to learn. But he learns, not only that he may live like his Master, but that he may persuade others to become disciples.

These men went out in couples. It would be interesting to know how they were paired. Men unlike in character and temperament often work best together. Christ's plan of working by twos long survived. Paul and Barnabas went together on the first Christian foreign missionary tour. Later, when they separated from each other, each took a companion. Often the most effective work is now done where two or more ministers labor together in the same field.

These twelve men were sent first to those of their own nation [vs. 5, 6]. All except one of them were Galileans, and they preached on this journey only in the towns and villages of Galilee. It is best for Christian workers to begin where they best understand the people and the obstacles to be overcome. From that time to this the Christian's own neighbors have had the first claim on him to make known to them the gospel. We may see the way the twelve fulfilled their first mission in:

1. *Their preaching* [v. 7]. It was simply repeating to the people to whom they were sent what Christ had taught. Mark sums up His earlier preaching in a single sentence: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the gospel." This was the substance of the message of the twelve. No doubt it was imperfectly understood, both by preachers and hearers. No doubt it suggested hopes which were not to be realized. But it answered the desires of the multitude who were like sheep without a shepherd. It set them to thinking. It prepared the way for further knowledge and for the manifestation of that kingdom which had already taken root in the hearts of those first preachers who were beginning to love Jesus better than they loved their own lives. The simplest preaching with that motive is not in vain.

2. *Their works* [v. 8]. They did what Jesus did. They healed the sick and cast out demons. They found the name of Jesus a name of power. No single instance is given of their miracles on this journey, but when, a short time after, He had sent out seventy disciples two by two, they came back joyfully and announced that demons had acknowledged their power; and repeated instances are given in the book of Acts of the disciples doing all these things which their Master commissioned them to do. The gospel of Jesus, through faith in His name, transforms characters and reforms society. He is accompanying His messengers now in every nation, driving away sickness, banishing evil spirits, raising the spiritually dead. According to our gifts from Him, we are to give the gospel to others.

3. *Their equipment* [vs. 9, 10]. They were not to take payment for working miracles. That would have defeated their object, would have degraded the message of the gospel of Christ into a trade between preachers and hearers. They were to give what they had to give as freely to others as Christ had given to them. When any one attempts to heal the sick by the exercise of a peculiar power of faith from God, and asks money for it, he shows that God is not the object of this faith. Yet these disciples were entitled to support while on their Master's errand; and He told them they would find it simply by going in His name and trusting the people to whom they went

to provide for them. They were not beggars. They gave far more than they received. "The laborer is worthy of his food." The conditions in which the disciples preached did not always warrant them in depending on those to whom they preached for money in their purses and clothes and shoes; but at this time it was safe thus to trust the people, and it ought always to be safe for preachers of the gospel so to do in Christian communities.

4. *Their treatment of their hearers* [vs. 11-13]. The disciples were to seek entertainment in families most in sympathy with them. Their associations would have much to do with their success. Then they were to observe the courtesies of life. "As ye enter into the house, salute it." Ministers and all others who profess to be followers of Christ ought to act like gentlemen and gentlewomen. The ordinary salutation then as now in that country was "Peace be unto you." With the disciples it was to be genuine, no mere form of words. They were to let their peace come where it would be appreciated and withhold it from the unworthy. The reward of hospitality is the unselfish interest of guests who give their best thoughts, with their unobtrusive sympathy, to bless the homes which receive them.

5. *Their divine support* [vs. 14, 15]. There was from the beginning a true sense in which the disciples of Christ represented His purpose as well as His spirit to those to whom they brought His message. He told them later on that the sins which they remitted would be remitted, while the sins which they did not remit would be retained. So now Christ told the twelve to renounce all responsibility for those who would not hear them. They were to shake off the dust of their feet for a testimony to those communities which would not receive them. Their peace bestowed would be His, and their curse would be His. That places a solemn weight on those who speak in His name. If they do not faithfully represent Him they will bring His curse on themselves. If they do faithfully represent Him they must share His love for those whom He blesses and His regret for those who turn from Him. It places also a solemn responsibility on those to whom the gospel comes. To reject the messenger is to reject Christ and to be worse off than the cities which were destroyed for their gross wickedness, and to whom the gospel had not come.

6. *Their character* [v. 16]. Preaching disciples then were to meet enemies made cruel as wolves by their anger at having their sins rebuked. Ministers are liable to similar experiences now. They are as sheep in the midst of wolves, so far as self-defense is concerned. But though a sheep cannot fight much, he ought to know something—to have the knowledge which is not only self-defense but the true aggressive force. Many suppose that to proclaim the gospel in all places and at all times is to please Christ. But He sent forth the twelve to accomplish something. In order to do that they would have to be no mere wranglers, no denouncers of their fellowmen. They would need to be shrewd observers, with wits quickened both by love to Christ and love to men. "He that is wise winneth souls."

These earliest instructions of Christ to men going out to speak in His name are worthy of most thoughtful consideration. Here we stand at the very beginning of Christian missions. We see Christ's idea of the gospel to be preached, of the people to be addressed and reached and of the characters of successful workers. Their chief characteristics are their own implicit belief in His teaching, their confidence in His power, their disposition to see the best in the people but not to be deceived by them, and to trust those worthy to be trusted, and their courteous bearing toward all men while they would not place themselves carelessly in the power of any. The model of the Christian gentleman is to be found in the commission which the

Lord gave to His first messengers who bore to the world the news of His kingdom.

THE CHURCH PRAYER MEETING.

Topic, Dec. 9-15. The Influence of Prayer on Him Who Prays. Ps. 61; Matt. 5: 43-48.

In establishing communion with God, in bringing Him near, and making Him real, in deepening piety.

(See prayer meeting editorial.)

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PRAYER MEETING.

BY REV. H. A. BRIDGMAN.

Topic, Dec. 16-22. Different Ways of Rejecting Christ. Mark 15: 6-14; Heb. 6: 4-6.

Polite society makes much of the way in which this or that thing is done. Lord Chesterfield's letters to his son abound in specific advice on various points of etiquette. This high-bred gentleman, whose name has become the synonym of faultless manners, goes so far as to express his preference for a questionable action gracefully done to a straightforward one bunglingly performed. There is danger in the case of all of us that the emphasis we put on good form will in time blur moral distinctions. A lie is always a lie, and no amount of beautiful phraseology can make it anything else. There were various ways of rejecting Christ when He was on earth. He was asked to depart from the coasts of Gadara, the rich young man turned away from Him and the Jews crucified Him. But in all these differing cases the consequences to those concerned were alike serious. It is virtual rejection of Jesus Christ whenever a man concludes to get along without Him, and even if this conclusion never actually formulates itself in his mind he is exposed to the condemnation of those who definitely reject Him, for any life unsuited by Christian motives and incentives is a hindrance to others in just the proportion that it seems able to sustain a healthy, useful existence apart from the real sources of nourishment.

We have today not a few instances of practical rejection of Christ through conceding too much to intellectual doubt. Because you cannot explain all the mysteries relating to the person of Christ is no reason why you should not accept Him as the Master of your thinking and the Lord of your life. It is a pity to see any young, earnest soul thus block the path to larger light. "No man," says Professor Drummond, "ought to postpone his life for the sake of his thought," meaning, I take it, that the clear and complete understanding of Jesus is not essential to starting upon a life which shall be like His and lived under His leadership.

But for one person today who turns away from Christ because of mental perplexities there are two who reject Him by preferring other things to Him. "The fact is, I have no use for God," said a frank young girl, the other day, to a person pleading for her interest in Christian things. She did not speak irreverently, but simply voiced the natural feeling of one who was finding life interesting and rewarding enough without God. How many there are, like her, so absorbed in the things of this world that they cannot see the glory of Christ!

Parallel verses: 1 Sam. 8: 7, 8; Isa. 5: 22-24; 53: 3; Jer. 8: 9; Matt. 13: 19-22; 25: 44, 45; Mark 7: 8, 9; 15: 29-32; Luke 12: 9; John 1: 11, 46; 12: 48; Rom. 2: 4, 5; Eph. 4: 30; Titus 1: 16; Jas. 2: 5, 6; 2 Pet. 2: 1.

We cannot but believe that in the future the whole conception of orthodoxy is destined to grow less and less prominent. Less and less men will ask of any opinion, "Is it orthodox?" More and more they will ask, "Is it true?" More and more the belief in the absolute safety of the freest truth-seeking, in truth-seeking as the only safe work of the human mind, will deepen and increase.—*Phillips Brooks's Essays and Addresses.*

Literature.

A Review of What This Year Has Yielded and a Survey of the New Books Designed for the Holiday Market.

THE BEST BOOKS OF 1894.

For a number of years it has been our custom at about this time to offer our readers a bird's-eye view of the field of recent literary production, and we now attempt the pleasant task once more. Does any one ask why we do so now instead of waiting until another month has rendered a more nearly complete summary possible? For two reasons. One is that by this time almost all the leading volumes of the year have appeared. A few may have been belated and may come out later, but the best literary work of the year already is before the public. The other reason is our desire that our summary may be of service to such of our readers as may intend to select books for holiday gifts. If delayed longer it would not help them. We should like to classify the issues of each publishing house by themselves, and it would be interesting thus to observe afresh what each has been doing. But classification by general subject and character is so much more useful that we adopt that plan, as heretofore.

We give the place of honor to works on *Theology or Biblical Criticism*. About a dozen stand out conspicuously. One is Prof. G. B. Stevens's *The Johannine Theology* [Scribners. \$2.00], a modest but thoroughly scholarly critical and interpretative work with a devotional value also. Another is the late Prof. W. G. T. Shedd's supplementary volume on *Dogmatic Theology* [Scribners. \$4.00], which is largely collated from the church fathers and profoundly old school in its views, but exceedingly able. These two are by Americans. All the others are by foreigners. Principal Fairbairn, however, is widely honored in America, and the reissue of his admirable *Religion in History and in Modern Life* [Randolph. \$1.50], with its practical applications of gospel to conduct is appreciated among us; and so is Professor Drummond's *The Ascent of Man* [Pott. \$2.00], his volume of *Lowell Lectures* here in Boston, revealing how science and religion help each other. Another Scotch professor is Dr. A. B. Bruce, and his *St. Paul's Conception of Christianity* [Scribners. \$2.00] is both intellectually and spiritually quickening; and yet another Scotchman, Prof. James McGregor, D. D., has discussed, in *The Revelation and the Record* [Scribners. \$3.00], inspiration, the supernatural, etc., with a rare blending of boldness and caution, and has written a solidly helpful book.

Among Englishmen Mr. W. S. Lilly's volume, *The Claims of Christianity* [Appleton. \$3.00] deserves mention for its ability. But it is none the less more plausible than convincing. It is a shrewd plea for Roman Catholicism. Rev. Charles Gore, Principal of Pusey House, is not a Roman Catholic but a High Anglican and the fact comes to the surface now and then in his book, *The Incarnation* [Scribners. \$1.50]. Yet it is a thoughtful and helpful work for all believers, and in enjoyable contrast to Prof. C. B. Upton's *Hibbert Lectures on The Basis of Religious Belief* [Scribners. \$3.50] which surrender almost as much as they defend. Prof. W. Sanday's discussion of *Inspiration* [Longmans, Green & Co. \$4.00], also takes a wiser position. He urges the comparative harmony of the traditional and induct-

ive theories. Another valuable English work is Prof. A. H. Sayce's *The Higher Criticism and the Monuments Young* [Scribners. \$3.00], which is trustworthy historically and suggestive philologically in spite of some inconsistencies. Only three Germans shall be mentioned and they differ greatly. Dr. C. von Orelli's *The Twelve Minor Prophets* [Scribners. \$3.00] has large interpretative value and is a good example of critical but not radical study. But Dr. Otto Pfeiderer in his *Gifford Lectures upon The Philosophy and Development of Religion* [Putnam's. \$5.00] and Dr. Carl von Weizsäcker, in his *Apostolic Age of the Christian Church* [Putnam's. \$3.50] are specimens of advanced, although reverent, criticism. The leading popular *Commentaries* have come from the Armstrongs and have been Dr. Alexander Maclaren's on *The Psalms* [Each \$1.50], *Matthew* [Each \$2.00], and *Mark, Luke and John* [Each \$1.00]; Rev. H. C. G. Moule's on *Romans* and Dr. J. R. Lumby's on *Peter* [Each \$1.50]; Dr. Farrar's on *II. Kings* [Each \$1.50]; and Dr. James Denney's on *II. Corinthians* [Each \$1.50].

A few *Devotional Volumes* are worth being recalled to mind. One is Dr. A. H. Bradford's Christmas meditation, *The Sistine Madonna* [Fords, Howard & Hulbert. 50 cents], which also is helpful at any time; another is Dr. C. C. Hall's *Does God Send Trouble?* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$7.00] another is Dr. Cuyler's practical Christianity in the Home [Baker & Taylor. \$1.00], and others are *The Master's Guide for His Disciples* [Whittaker. \$1.00], a useful arrangement of Scripture, Dr. Howard Crosby's stimulating *At the Lord's Table* [Randolph. 60 cents], and Dr. Stalker's illuminating and uplifting *The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ* [Armstrong. \$1.50] as well as two volumes by Rev. F. B. Meyer, *Key-Words of the Inner Life and Calvary to Pentecost* [Revell. Each 50 cents]. *The Spirit of God* [Ellis. \$1.50], by P. C. Mozumdar, also is rich in devotional suggestiveness. We may add here the titles of several *Volumes of Sermons*. That of the Monday Club of this city needs only mention [Cong. Pub. Soc. \$1.25]. One of the most brilliant and also most practical and devout is Dr. W. B. Wright's *Master and Men* [Houghton Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], suggested by the Beatitudes. President Andrews, of Brown, has printed *Eternal Words and Other Sermons* [Student Pub. Co. \$1.50], a thoughtful and timely work. Dean Hodges, of Cambridge, also is responsible for a volume of vigorous and practical discourses, *The Heresy of Cain* [Whittaker. \$1.00]; and Dr. R. F. Horton's *The Cartoons of St. Mark* [Revell. \$1.50], Dr. Maclaren's *Christ's Musts and Other Sermons* [Macmillan. \$1.25] and Dr. R. W. Dale's series on *Christian Doctrine* are illustrations of the best British Nonconformist preaching of our time.

In the field of *Ecclesiastical History* some useful work has been done this year, and most of it by Americans. Prof. C. W. Shields's defense of *The Historic Episcopate* [Scribner's Sons. 60 cents] attracted some comment early in the year. That remarkable description of the most remarkable feature of the Chicago Exposition, *The World's Parliament of Religions* [Parlia-

ment Pub. Co. \$5.00] edited by Dr. J. H. Barrows must long remain as impressive as it is unique in literature. Prof. J. F. McCurdy's volume, *History, Prophecy and the Monuments* [Macmillan. \$3.00] does candid, thorough and trustworthy work. Prof. H. C. Sheldon's *History of the Christian Church* [Crowell. \$10.00] in five volumes is one of the best for general reading and is scholarly while also popular in style. Dr. J. G. Vose's *Sketches of Congregationalism in Rhode Island* [Silver, Burdett & Co. \$1.00] deals primarily with the Beneficent Church in Providence but is of large general historic value. Dr. G. L. Walker's *Diary of Rev. Daniel Wadsworth* [Belknap & Warfield. \$1.10] also possesses more than temporary or local significance. Two elaborate treatises of special interest to all our readers are *Congregationalists in America* [J. A. Hill & Co. \$2.75], by Dr. A. E. Dunning, of this journal, and *A History of the Congregational Churches in the United States* [Christian Literature Co. \$2.20], by Prof. Williston Walker of Hartford Seminary, each of which is a clear, full, learned and interesting history. Professor Walker's is one of a most valuable series of denominational histories which the Christian Literature Company has been issuing. *The Story of the Pilgrims* [Cong. Pub. Soc. \$1.25], by Morton Dexter, describes the experiences of the Pilgrim Fathers and other early settlers of this country and in a popular style. Rev. S. N. Jackson's well-planned *Handbook of Congregationalism* [Cong. Pub. Soc. Toronto] and Dr. G. M. Boynton's excellent *Pilgrim Pastor's Manual* and Rev. E. B. Fairfield's sensible *Letters on Baptism* [Cong. Pub. Soc. Boston. \$1.00 and 75 cents] also deserve mention and may as well have it in this connection.

The department of *Biography* almost always is well represented, as it certainly is this year. Chancellor Pasquier's three volumes of *Memoirs* [Scribners. Each \$2.50], which really is a calm, careful critique of Napoleon I. and his empire and on the whole unfavorable, and the three volumes of the *Memoirs of the Baron de Méneval* [Appletons. Each \$2.00], which is devotedly loyal to Napoleon and also a more vivid series of pictures, are strikingly valuable. Pierre de Lano's *The Empress Eugenie* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25], although relating to a later period, also is a piece of keen analysis and graphic description. Paul Sabatier's *St. Francis of Assisi* [Scribners. \$2.50] is nobler than either of these in spirit and finer in execution. It was crowned by the French Academy. The late Prof. J. A. Froude's *Life and Letters of Erasmus* [Scribners. \$2.50] is his last and a discriminating piece of work, and Miss Frances Power Cobbe's *Autobiography* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00] is in all respects one of the best ever written. Two volumes of Sir Walter Scott's *Familiar Letters* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$6.00] and a memorial work in two volumes about Dean Stanley [Scribners. \$8.00], the latter edited by Mr. Prothero and Dean Bradley; two volumes, edited by A. J. C. Hare, about Louisa, Marchioness of Waterford, and her sister, Viscountess Canning [Randolph. \$8.00], which are too long but furnish much delightful reading; and another volume of

Memories, by Dean Hole, of Rochester, somewhat graver than the former volume, are all of English origin which need be named, except Mrs. Anne Thackeray Ritchie's engrossing chapters from *Some Unwritten Memoirs* [Harpers. \$2.00], which is rich in touching reminiscences. As for Americans, there have appeared the Letters of General W. T. and Senator John Sherman and General D. H. Maury's Recollections of a Virginian [Scribners. \$3.00 and \$1.50] and the Lives of W. A. Buckingham [W. F. Adams Co. \$2.50], Connecticut's War Governor; of Lucy Larcom and J. G. Whittier [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25 and \$4.00], the poets; of C. L. Brace [Scribners. \$2.50], the philanthropist; of Prof. T. C. Pease, of Andover Seminary, and of Prof. J. L. Lincoln [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25 and \$3.00], of Brown University; and Mrs. Plunkett's faithful characterization of Dr. J. G. Holland [Scribners. \$1.50].

Among *Works of Secular History* Prof. Robert Flint's History of the Philosophy of History: France [Scribners. \$4.00] might be more lucid but is profound and instructive. President E. B. Andrews has written a new History of the United States [Scribners. \$4.00] which is terse and simple while yet philosophical. Mr. E. S. Maclay's more practical History of the United States Navy [Appletons, two vols. Each \$3.50] takes easy lead in its class, although the author is not a member of the navy, and Mr. J. C. Ropes's The Story of the Civil War [Putnams. \$1.50] also takes a high place among books upon the Rebellion, although Mr. Ropes never has been a soldier. Justin Winsor's Cartier to Frontenac [Houghton Mifflin & Co. \$4.00] exhibits its author's comprehensive and minute learning, and Mrs. Alice M. Earle's Diary of Anna Green Winslow [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] throws strong and pleasant light upon our great-grandfathers' New England life. Turning to *Books of Travel and Adventure*, undeniably the most novel is that by Messrs. T. G. Allen, Jr., and W. L. Sachtleben, Across Asia on a Bicycle [Century Co. \$1.50]. It surpasses Mr. Thomas Stevens's celebrated bicycle journey around the world in some respects. This too has been republished and so has General Greely's Three Years of Arctic Service and Edward Whymper's Travels among the Great Andes of the Equator [Scribners. \$5.00 and \$4.00]. Another tour around the globe, undertaken for a different purpose and remarkably successful and delightful, is described in Our Journey Around the World [A. D. Worthington & Co. \$3.25] by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Clark of the Christian Endeavor Society. Here are two books about Japan also. One is Lafcadio Hearn's Glimpses of Unfamiliar Japan [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00] in which literary self-consciousness blurs somewhat the naturalness of his otherwise most impressive narrative, and the other is Albert Leffingwell's Rambles Through Japan Without a Guide [Baker & Taylor Co. \$1.50] by far the most readable and apparently the most truthful short account of the country which we have seen.

Writers of *Essays* are allowed a wide range. Richard Harding Davis's lifelike sketches of Our English Cousins [Harpers. \$1.25], Sarah M. H. Gardner's delightful Quaker Idylls [Henry Holt. 75 cents], Dr. A. H. Smith's Chinese Characteristics [Revell. \$2.00], and Dr. C. C. Abbott's Travels

in a Tree-Top [Lippincott. \$1.25], Olive Thorne Miller's A Bird-Lover in the West, and Agnes Repplier's In the Dozy Hours, Bradford Torrey's A Florida Sketch-Book, Frank Bolles's From Blomidon to Smoky and John Burroughs's Riverby [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Each \$1.25], all come fairly enough under this head.

Most essayists attempt *Poetry* too once in a while so the poems shall be indicated here. The year's crop of verse is not as large or of as high quality as it sometimes has been. Whittier's Complete Works [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00] of course is the most important issue, although much of R. W. Gilder's poetry in Five Books of Song [Century Co. \$1.50] is on a level of both thought and feeling never reached by Whittier. Aldrich's little book, Unguarded Gates and Other Poems, contains graceful and gratifying work, and Edith Thomas's In Sunshine Land [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25 and \$1.50] is instinct with true and deep poetical feeling. Miss Caroline Hazard's Narragansett Ballads [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00] also are strong and musical and deserve praise. A little volume of Hymns and Verses [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00], by Samuel Longfellow, also has come out just in time to be mentioned here. Four or five notable volumes of *Addresses and Papers* also have appeared—Lincoln's Complete Works [Century Co. \$10.00], edited by Messrs. Nicolay and Hay and intended to accompany their biography, Professor Norton's The Orations and Addresses of George William Curtis [Harpers. \$3.50], ex-President S. C. Bartlett's Anniversary Addresses [Cong. Pub. Soc. \$2.50], Phillips Brooks's Essays and Addresses [Dutton. \$2.00], and Archdeacon Aglen's Selection from the Writings of Dean Stanley.

Some superior *Stories* have appeared during the year. Four have received the exceptional fame which they have deserved. Hall Caine's The Manxman [Appleton's. \$1.50] is far and away the great novel of the year. Its literary form, dramatic force and moral purpose unite in rendering it unequaled. Mrs. Humphry Ward's Marcella [Macmillans. \$2.00] stands next, a great advance upon her earlier works in both interest and power. Du Maurier's fascinating Trilby [Harpers. \$1.75] has been the most widely discussed, partly owing to the extra advertising it has received through the threat of a libel suit in connection with it, and it is, indeed, a wonderful picture of Bohemian life in Paris. Morally many regard it as apologetic for evil while others think it only charitable toward the erring who are not radically vicious. The fourth is George Meredith's Lord Ormont and his Aminta [Scribners. \$1.50], an unevenly brilliant piece of work which is intellectually pleasing but not altogether wholesome morally. Early in the year Miss Harraden's Ships That Pass in the Night [Putnams. \$1.00] had quite a run, and was praised more highly than it deserves. Anthony Hope's The Prisoner of Zenda, thrilling in plot and choice in style, also has been exceptionally popular and his new book just out, The Indiscretion of the Duchess [Holt. Each 75 cents], is likely to be.

Mrs. Deland's Philip and his Wife [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] is at once an engrossing story and a thoughtful study of the subject of divorce. John March, Southerner, [Scribners. \$1.50] is called Mr. Cable's best story yet. Stanley J. Weyman has maintained his creditable reputation by two

more of his picturesque historical stories, Under the Red Robe and My Lady Rotha [Longmans, Green & Co. Each \$1.25]. Percy Cross [Harpers. \$1.75] has received the welcome which R. D. Blackmore's novels always have but is not above his average in merit; Pembroke [Harpers. \$1.50], Miss Wilkins's first complete novel, displays rare analytical power. Maxwell Gray's The Last Sentence [Lovell, Coryell & Co. \$1.50], Daudet's Tartarin on the Alps [Crowell. 75 cents], Ellen O. Kirk's Story of Lawrence Garthe [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], Dr. S. W. Mitchell's When All the Woods Are Green [Century Co. \$1.50], and Mr. Stockton's Pomona's Travels [Scribners. \$2.00] are uncommonly well written and interesting in one or another way; and Flora A. Steel's The Potter's Thumb [Harpers. \$1.50] is a powerful, and at times almost weird, portrayal of East Indian characteristics. The same author's volume of short stories, The Flower of Forgiveness [Macmillan. \$1.00], is in the same vein. Other collections of sketches and stories worthy of note are Conan Doyle's Memories of Sherlock Holmes [Harpers. \$1.50] and also his Round the Red Lamp [Appleton. \$1.50] and Stories from the Diary of a Doctor [Lippincott. \$1.25], by L. T. Meade and Dr. Clifford Halifax, which blend medical and detective experiences; R. E. Robinson's excellent portrayals of Yankee country people in his Danvis Folks [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25]; Thomas Nelson Page's The Burial of the Guns [Scribners. \$1.25], and Louis Becke's By Reef and Palm [Lippincott. \$1.00]. C. F. Lummis's The Man Who Married the Moon [Century Co. \$1.50] and Eli Chatelain's Folk Tales of Angola [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$3.00] also rank high in the department of folk-lore.

The boys and girls have been well provided for as usual, but the average excellence of *Publications for the Young* now is so high that comparatively few books stand out as conspicuously as in some other departments. Rudyard Kipling's odd, powerful, fascinating The Jungle Book [Century Co. \$1.50] unquestionably has attracted chief attention. Andrew Lang's edition of The Yellow Fairy Book [Longmans, Green & Co. \$2.00] is equally fanciful if less striking, and Joel Chandler Harris's Little Mr. Thimblefinger and his Queer Country [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00] is in the author's familiar and ever popular vein. Conan Doyle's Micah Clarke [Harpers. \$1.75], which in fact is as truly a historical novel as a book for the young, has been liked greatly. The same is true of Archibald Forbes's Czar and Sultan [Scribners. \$2.00]. Mrs. Nutting's The Days of Prince Maurice [Cong. Pub. Soc. \$1.50] is graphic and instructive. G. A. Henty's When London Burned and his In the Heart of the Rockies [Scribners. \$1.50 and \$1.25] are exciting and wholesome and so are J. M. Oxley's In the Wilds of the West Coast. [Nelsons. \$1.50], Dr. Gordon Stables's To Greenland and the Pole, Dr. Murray-Aaron's Butterfly Hunters in the Caribbees [Scribners. Each \$1.50], Rev. J. B. Young's What a Boy Saw in the Army [Hunt & Eaton. \$2.25] and Col. T. W. Knox's The Lost Army [Merriam Co. \$1.50]. Garret Grain [Cong. Pub. Soc. \$1.25], also, by Mrs. F. T. Lee, is one of the best books of the year for young folks. In The Century Book for Young Americans [Century Co. \$1.50] E. S. Brooks describes our government effectively, and Oliver Herford's Art-

ful Antics, P. S. Newell's Topsy and Turveys, No. 2, Palmer Cox's The Brownies Around the World, and Tudor Jenks's Imaginations [Century Co. \$1.00, \$1.00, \$1.00 and \$1.50] supply drollery unlimited. Children's books are so largely holiday books that we naturally are reminded of the distinctive *Holiday Issues*. Joseph Pennell's sumptuous Pen Drawing and Pen Draughtsmen [Macmillan. \$15.00] is a monumental volume in its way. Minor but very attractive books are Old English Songs [Macmillan & Co. \$2.00], with charming ballads and most felicitous illustrations; a fine edition of Irving's Sketch-Book [Putnam's. \$6.00] in two volumes; and one of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress [Scribners. \$6.00] in a single volume, simple but elegant; Mrs. Clara E. Clement's Naples [Estes & Lauriat. \$3.00] a hand-book for art-lovers and profusely illustrated; Wayside Poems [Harpers. \$2.00], by Wallace Bruce, popular in topics and musical in forms; Charles Kingsley's Hypatia [Harpers. \$7.00], in an exquisite two-volume edition illustrated by W. M. Johnson; and Bryant's Complete Poems [Stokes Co. \$1.50] also freely illustrated and daintily bound.

Turning back to graver works, we note several relating to *Sociology*. Two, and two of the most practical and impressive, are in the story form. One of these is Mrs. H. A. Cheever's St. Rockwell's Little Brother [Cong. Pub. Soc. \$1.50] and the other is Rev. C. M. Sheldon's The Crucifixion of Philip Strong [McClurg. \$1.00]. They cannot fall of a wide reading and a lasting influence. Of volumes in the ordinary and more philosophical vein Benjamin Kidd's much discussed and quoted Social Evolution [Macmillan. \$1.75] has been conceded the place of first note during the year. Other suggestive treatises have been Practicable Socialism [Longmans, Green & Co. \$1.50], by Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Prof. J. R. Commons's Social Reform and the Church and Prof. R. T. Ely's Socialism and Social Reform [Crowell. 75 cents and \$1.50], Prof. G. D. Herron's The Christian Society [Revell. \$1.00], The Fabian Essays [C. E. Brown. 75 cents], edited by G. B. Shaw, F. S. Hoffman's The Sphere of the State [Putnam's. \$1.50], Dr. Gladden's lectures on The Church and the Kingdom [Revell. 75 cents], President Andrews's Wealth and Moral Law [Harford Sem. Press. \$1.00], and Henry Champenowne's telling satire, The Boss [G. H. Richmond & Co. \$1.25].

Some others of the striking books of the year do not accept classification readily except under the broad title, *Miscellaneous Works*. One is the learned, comprehensive, up-to-date Standard Dictionary [Funk & Wagnalls. Three vols. \$22.50], another is J. N. Larned's admirable History for Ready Reference [C. A. Nichols Co. Two vols. \$12.00], another is the valuable Century Cyclopedia of Names [Century Co.] edited by B. E. Smith, and still another is Bartlett's Concordance to Shakespeare [Macmillan. \$14.00]. The late Rev. J. B. R. Walker's Concordance to the Holy Scriptures [Cong. Pub. Soc. \$2.00] must not be omitted. It is superior to any other of its sort ever published. W. A. Clouston's Hieroglyphic Bibles [Stokes Co. \$9.00] is a work of great research, unique interest and rare beauty. Dr. J. C. Van Dyke's Text-Book of the History of Painting [Longmans, Green & Co. \$1.50] is finely adapted to its purpose, and Dr. Farrar's Life of Christ as

Represented in Art [Macmillan. \$6.00] rewards study gratifyingly. American Colonial History in Medals [Scott Stamp & Coin Co. \$3.00], by the late C. W. Betts, is more novel and equally valuable. Mr. W. F. Apthorp's Musicians and Music Lovers [Scribners. \$1.50] is the work of one of the leading American musical experts and critics. Sandow on Physical Training [Tait & Sons. \$3.50] we believe to be the best book of its sort ever issued, and C. W. Whitney's A Sporting Pilgrimage [Harpers. \$3.50] is one of the most entertaining books about certain athletic sports. Social England [Putnam's. \$3.50], edited by H. D. Traill, and Edward Porritt's The Englishman at Home [Crowell. \$1.75] are full of practical information of value to others as well as the English. Prof. G. T. Ladd's Psychology, Prof. Barrett Wendell's lectures on William Shakespeare [Scribners. \$4.50 and \$1.75], Prof. Fletcher Durell's A New Life in Education and Mrs. Elizabeth Grinnell's How John and I Brought up the Child [Am. S. S. Union. 90 cents and 80 cents] are leading educational works, the last being almost equally a religious story. Two other striking little volumes are Mrs. Earle's Costume of Colonial Times and Mrs. Herrick's The Chafing-Dish Supper [Scribners. \$1.25 and 75 cents].

If one had access to no other books but those whose titles we have given above—a few of the newest books in the leading departments of literature—he would have a very respectable working library, one which, if thoroughly used, would render him a devout, learned and accomplished man. To select books wisely is a better proof of intelligence than to buy books lavishly.

THE LIVERMORE SALE.

The auction of the library of the late George Livermore, held in this city Nov. 20-23, was one of the most important sales during recent years. His collection was unusually rich in rare works of an ecclesiastical or theological character, including many Bibles. Mr. Livermore was a business man who accumulated a fortune and indulged freely his literary and antiquarian tastes and whose heirs now have reaped the benefit in money of his wise purchases. They personally, it should be added, bought in and thus retained many of his most desirable volumes.

It is always interesting to note the prices secured at such a sale and we therefore mention some of them. The largest amount paid for a single book was \$1,000 for a copy of The Soldier's Pocket Bible, dated 1643, one of the sort carried by Cromwell's troops. The next largest was \$825 for an Indian Primer of 1747. A copy of Coverdale's translation of the Bible, 1535, brought \$800. Melancthon's Bible, 1557, went for \$460. A copy of John Eliot's Indian Bible, 1661-3, sold for \$450, one of the Bay Psalm Book, 1640, for \$425, and one of Cotton's Spiritual Milk, 1656, for \$400. One of Eliot's New Testament, 1661, brought \$310. One of Halliwell's Shakespeare, 1853-64, was bidden off at \$240, an imperfect copy of the Gutenberg Catholicon, 1490, at \$225, a Ximenes Polyglott Bible, 1514-17, at \$210, and a Massachusetts Psalter, 1709, at \$201.

Among the other works of special interest which went at lower prices were a copy of the second American edition of the Cambridge Platform, 1671, which brought \$77; two leaves only of Caxton's Recuyell, 1471, which brought \$130; a Hale's Modest Inquiry, 1702, which sold for \$140; Latimer's

Sermons, 1571, for \$126; a copy of the first edition of Milton's Paradise Lost, 1668, for \$61; one of the Nuremberg Chronicle, 1493, for \$100; one of the Henry VIII. Primer, 1546, for \$105; two New England Primers, 1775 and 1777 respectively, for \$90 each; Walton's Complete Angler, 1836, for \$65; and Wigglesworth's Day of Doom, 1673, for \$42.50.

Mr. S. Brainard Pratt, whose large and valuable collection of Bibles is one of the most interesting features of the Congregational Library in this city, where he allows it to remain for public inspection, secured nearly a hundred volumes, chiefly Bibles and Testaments in various languages, which presumably will be added sooner or later to that collection. We also are glad to record the fact that the Library itself, although its representative was prevented by lack of funds from buying some of the most desirable books, secured sixty-six volumes of importance for its purposes. Among them are Allin and Shepard's Defence of the Answer, New England's First Fruits, Cotton Mather's *Detur Digniori* and his Reasonable Religion, Increase Mather's Seasonable Testimony and his Seasonable Meditations and Wilde's Antinomians. It also bought Dr. Jonathan Homer's Bible, a Geneva Bible of 1577. Dr. Homer was pastor at Newton Center and this Bible was given him by Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin. It is the copy supposed, although not actually known, to have been given to Queen Elizabeth by its printers. Its cover is imprinted with the royal arms in gilt. It contains many manuscript notes by Dr. Homer.

These additions to the already rich resources of the Congregational Library will increase perceptibly its reputation and usefulness as a treasury of valuable works. Comparatively few people as yet are aware how valuable the quiet but steady efforts of those in charge of this library have rendered it. It already ranks among the few collections which specialists in several lines cannot afford to overlook. If it had anything like adequate funds at its disposal it easily and speedily might be placed in a more commanding position. No better use could be made of money by any wealthy man desiring to benefit our denomination than to endow this library with a fund which should enable it to do its work of this sort properly. The lapse of every additional year renders more difficult and costly the securing of such works as it must somehow obtain.

PICKARD'S LIFE OF WHITTIER.

Mr. S. T. Pickard, the author of this work, appears to be the husband of Mr. Whittier's niece, and to have had the poet's suggestions in regard to the work. There can be no truer praise than to say that he has performed his task in a spirit and a manner which Whittier himself would have commended. The great popularity of his subject rendered it the more difficult to write such a work successfully. A too lavish eulogy, however unsuitable, would have been natural and would have been pardoned readily. But a wholesome restraint has controlled his pen. A clear, vivid and faithful picture has been drawn of the poet in all the modesty, dignity and beauty of his character. As a man of affairs, unostentatious, comparatively indifferent to worldly success, yet practical and active, roused to large energy by sympathy with every good cause, a great power among men yet never self-seeking, and as tender-hearted as out-

spoken, Whittier stands before us in these pages with gratifying distinctness. As pre-eminently the poet of the common people, often choosing homely themes yet knowing well both when and how to use his powers for the prompting and maintaining impulses of righteousness, and now and then rising to almost inspired heights of song, Whittier fairly won his fame and it will endure for many generations.

The present generation probably will read with a measure of surprise that Whittier was so active a reformer, especially in connection with the anti-slavery movement. There are many men and women still surviving to whom the facts are familiar, but many who already have reached middle age cannot personally recall the poet except as a loved and honored writer. Moreover others have been given so much greater prominence in narratives of anti-slavery efforts as to somewhat overshadow Whittier's relation to them, especially as he had discrimination enough to recognize the attainment of their purpose, when it had been secured, and to cease to waste time and energy in continuing to thresh old straw. But that he ever was pelted with rotten eggs for his anti-slavery faith will surprise many, and the vigor and persistence of his editorial labors also have not been fully appreciated.

The story of his life is a story of his times, of course, and they often were thrilling times. It is a story also of friendships with many of the most worthy and honored men and women of this century. It is a new revelation of the tremendous influence possible to a modest, humble but spirited and purposeful nature, using its opportunities faithfully and not troubling itself about rewards but doing with its might that which day by day lies next to hand. The biography possesses much literary merit, abounds in pleasant incidents and in facts concerning the composition of Whittier's successive poems, contains a portrait or two and views of the poet's homes, and is in all respects worthy of the man whom it commemorates. It will rank high from the first among the important biographies of our time, and they are many. But no one of them has a worthier subject or leaves upon the reader's mind the impression of a nobler, sweeter, more fruitful life than that herein described. The more such men and such books, the better for the world. [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00.]

BARTLETT'S CONCORDANCE TO SHAKESPEARE.

When a man has undertaken to compile such a work as Bartlett's Familiar Quotations one would suppose him to have assumed a life task. But Mr. John Bartlett apparently has found in his work upon quotations in general only an incentive to more detailed and comprehensive work of the same character. Few are likely to appreciate fully what it means to make a concordance to Shakespeare's writings until they see such a product of the effort as this volume. To begin with, it is a bulky book, nearly as large as our copy of Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary. It includes 1,910 pages and is too large for easy handling. It must lie upon a desk or table. It would be much bulkier had not comparatively fine type been used, a type too fine for fully two-fifths—we should suppose—of those who will use such a book unless they have recourse to a magnifier of some sort. These are objections to the book, although they appear to be practically inevitable rather than due to the negligence of those responsible.

The text is that of the Globe edition of 1891, the latest issue of that edition and now

the accepted standard. The compiler also has made fuller use of the text than is usual in such works, thereby going far to aid the searcher. Instead of contenting himself with key-words or longer, but broken, beginnings of sentences, he quotes at greater length. He often, although not always, gives a complete thought, and sometimes a line or two in full. Some examples of the commonest and most familiar words, such as to be, to do, to have, the articles a, an, etc., are inserted but for the most part these are wisely omitted, since more significant words are apt to accompany them. Some groupings of words and phrases are allowed where convenience can be served and economy of space secured at the same time. The poems of Shakespeare are treated separately in a supplementary concordance appended to that covering his plays.

The work merits large praise. Although the type is fine it is clear. The arrangement of the page also is such as to aid the quick and perfect comprehension of any selected line. Examples of any given word, e. g., "counsel," which lies in view as we write, are arranged in the order of the plays as they occur in the Globe edition, those in each play of course following their own order of sequence. The simplicity of its arrangement greatly facilitates the use of the work and it certainly meets every need of which a reasonable student of Shakespeare can be conscious and it must practically monopolize its ground. No less complete concordance of course can compete with it and, as it covers the whole ground satisfactorily and as no additions or alterations are likely to be made in Shakespeare's text, it is one of the few works which seem likely to remain unrivaled in the very nature of the case. It is something for which to be grateful that it is the work of a competent scholar like Mr. Bartlett. If it had been notably imperfect yet too nearly what such a book ought to be to warrant any one else in going to the huge expense of time, pains and money necessary to prepare a better one, the world would have been badly off. [Macmillan & Co. \$14.00.]

HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF THE HOLY LAND.

The Bible student will find no other volume which will more rouse his intense interest while at the same time imparting fresh information and suggestion than this one, by Prof. George Adam Smith. The author, who has come to be known on this side of the ocean as well as in Great Britain, as one of the ablest of Biblical critics, thus states his purpose in this volume:

To discover from "the lie of the land" why the history took certain lines and the prophecy and gospel were expressed in certain styles—to learn what geography has to contribute to questions of Biblical criticism—above all, to discern between what physical nature contributed to the religious development of Israel, and what was the product of purely moral and spiritual forces.

Professor Smith has done more than he has aimed to do; he has not only given new force and vividness to much of the Bible by tracing the relations of its history and its ethics to the geography of Palestine and the surrounding countries, but he has included in his study the more recent history of Hellenic, Roman and Frankish influences, and the records they have imprinted on the land. He has described its place in the world's history, its form, climate and scenery, and has shown how they affected the religious ideas and ideals of the people of Israel, how these are reflected in the songs and religion and politics and hopes of the nation. Many an Old Testament chapter takes on new meaning and wonderful vividness when read in the light of these pages.

Professor Smith is an artist and a poet as well as a student of ancient history and geography, and at the same time he is an acknowledged master of Biblical literature and contemporary writings. He says truly that with the exception of Dr. Robinson's work of fifty years ago, nearly all the valuable explo-

ration of Palestine has been accomplished within the last twenty years. The advances in the science of Biblical interpretation within the same time have been so great that the proper use of these new discoveries in geography, history and literature places such a work as this we are now considering in important respects beyond any of those which have heretofore been counted as standards of the same subject. This is a book which will be appreciated not only by the scholar, but hardly less by every intelligent reader of the Bible. It contains admirable maps printed in colors. [A. C. Armstrong & Son. \$6.00.]

RELIGIOUS BOOKS.

We are not of those who care to spend much time in the study of other religions than Christianity. Every intelligent Christian, however, should inform himself in regard to the essential features of several of them and should treat them with the respect which they deserve. But it is not worth while to devote as much time to them as some would give them. In *The Gospel of Buddha* [Open Court Pub. Co. \$1.50], edited by Dr. Paul Carus after old records, is a series of chapters of extracts from the words of Buddha, from what for the Buddhist corresponds to our Bible, so to express it. It needs an expositor to be clear to everybody but many chapters are beautiful in form and noble in sentiment. It is not offered in hostility to Christianity but for study in connection with the latter and in the hope of promoting spiritual reflection. Those who wish to consult such an epitome will find this book worth heed.—Mr. J. W. Wright has been at some trouble to collect material for his little book, *Curious Facts, Myths, Legends and Superstitions Concerning Jesus* [Cranston & Curtis. 50 cents]. It does not include all obtainable material of the sort by much, but enough is used to suggest the amount and variety of it and to reveal the lengths to which superstition and credulity often have gone in connection with religion. Some account of the many false Christs also is given and the book possesses considerable interest in its way. Christmas Mr. Wright insists, by the way, really falls upon April 5, and he claims that there is universal and unanimous agreement among scholars to that effect, which statement is rather a strong one.

There are many Christians—it is no exaggeration to say there are many thousands—who, while they read the solemn story of our Saviour's trial, sufferings and death, are conscious of a desire for some book placing the successive events of His experience in their proper order and relation and also stimulating to meditation upon the theme. We all are conscious of half-formed impressions and reflections which only need a little quickening by the suggestions of some maturer thinker to take real, complete and useful shape. Such a book as Rev. Dr. James Stalker's new volume, *The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ* [A. C. Armstrong & Son. \$1.50] is well adapted both to enlighten uncertainties and crystallize floating impressions into convictions. The story is taken up at the arrest of Jesus and ends with His burial. It is a minute, painstaking, devout study, rich in spiritual power and helpfulness, conducted with good judgment and written in a temperate yet vivid and impressive style. Not only during Passion Week but at all times it will do much to enable the disciple to understand His Lord and to deepen and purify the sympathy between them.

Devotional works always are in demand and new ones, while they never supplant some of the old ones, often find large favor. One of the best which we have met with for some time is *The Master's Guide for His Disciples* [Thomas Whittaker. \$1.00]. It is a manual of all the recorded sayings of Jesus arranged for easy consultation and systematic reading. They are classified with unusual success under different heads and the bringing together thus of the passages which bear

upon the same doctrine or duty or experience gives them additional pertinence and power. Of course such collocation in itself is not novel but it seems here to be unwontedly effective. The publisher has issued the book in a compact and tasteful form.—Text, comment, poem—that is often the order of the contents of the volumes arranged to supply each day of a year with fresh mental and spiritual food. *Between the Lights* [A. D. F. Randolph & Co. \$1.25], compiled by Fanny B. Bates for meditation in the quiet, twilight hour, is thus arranged. Its extracts are long enough to have some character of their own. It is full of cheerful and uplifting suggestion and is printed and bound tastefully.

The Crucifixion of Philip Strong [A. C. McClurg & Co. \$1.00], by Rev. C. M. Sheldon, belongs under this general heading for religion is its central feature. It is an argument, a plea, a panorama and a story, all in one. It describes the efforts of a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, a devoted pastor, in an inappreciative and chiefly hostile community. The ideal which it upholds should be accepted by all true believers. The details as to principle and method will provoke differences of opinion among equally honest and consecrated men. The story is one of intense vigor and pathos. It will secure a very wide reading and it should make a deep impression upon every reader and produce lasting fruit. The chapters were read to Sunday evening audiences last winter in Mr. Sheldon's church in Topeka. We have no doubt the church was crowded.—*Fanny's Autobiography* [Cong. S. S. & Pub. Soc. \$1.25] also is a religious book although the history of a mare. It is a Home Missionary sketch which Mrs. M. E. Drake, the author, has built upon this foundation. The book affords a comprehensive, somewhat specialized, graphic and instructive idea of the life of many Home Missionaries and the people in behalf of whom they labor. It is illustrated.

BIOGRAPHIES.

The series known as *The Heroes of the Nations* is one of the most useful of the many series which have come into vogue so rapidly during recent years. Some six years ago a volume of this series appeared about *Abraham Lincoln* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.50], written by Noah Brooks. It is now reissued and is a handsome and convenient book. The author enjoyed confidential relations with President Lincoln during the last three years, the most important years, of the latter's life, and he has made it his purpose to portray the man rather than the times. Yet he has not shunned, nor could he avoid, drawing a clear and helpful picture of the period and of its other great figures. Time only throws up the noble character of Lincoln, as man and chief magistrate, into bolder and more impressive relief, and this book is one of the most successful of the many which have been written upon the same subject. It should be circulated largely and especially among the young. There are a few illustrations.—Mr. D. D. Thompson also has prepared a volume on *Abraham Lincoln* [Cranston & Curtis. 90 cents] of a less strictly biographical character. It aims to bring out prominently the right of Lincoln to be considered "the first American," but it is somewhat fragmentary and consists largely of incidents and anecdotes. It is readable and enjoyable but not precisely a biography nor a work of high literary pretensions.

Edward Cary's *George William Curtis* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] belongs to another valuable series, *The American Men of Letters*, and is worthy of its place therein. He has indeed been fortunate in his subject. Mr. Curtis as traveler, author, lecturer, editor and reformer filled most honorably a conspicuous place in the history of the closing century and his biographer must have been almost embarrassed by wealth of material. He has performed his task excellently. He has made the individuality of his subject

pleasantly evident throughout, has shown good judgment in proportioning his space to the successive aspects of Mr. Curtis's character and work, has exhibited hearty appreciation without becoming guilty of extravagance in eulogy, and has written a thoroughly readable book. Influential although Mr. Curtis was conceded to be, his influence upon his times was much more potent than many of his contemporaries comprehended. He did no more noble work than in promoting the reform of our politics, and sometimes it seems as if he more than any other one man was the mainspring of the effort in that direction which already has accomplished so much. This volume too deserves the widest circulation and among the young. It is handsomely issued.

Dean Hole's visit to the United States is accompanied by the appearance of a new volume of reminiscences, *More Memories* [Macmillan & Co. \$3.25]. It contains thoughts about England spoken in America. It is more sober in tenor than the earlier volume but exhibits the same robust manliness and at times, although not quite so often, the same wit. There is much in the early portion of it about churches, preachers and preaching and missions, and the author goes on to discuss Sunday observance, education, marriage, the aristocracy, the working classes, and politics. In the later portion much room is given to gardens and flowers, especially roses, and there are chapters on bores, impostors, sports and games, and horses and racing. Some of the material seems inserted somewhat in cold blood rather than because anything had led up to it, but it all is sensible, entertaining and worthy of its excellent author.

Inasmuch as a man's writings reveal his character and life so clearly, it is proper to mention here the second volume of Mr. M. D. Conway's edition of *The Writings of Thomas Paine* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$2.50]. They relate chiefly to public matters, such as international questions in dispute, philosophy, slavery, finance, the rights of man, etc. We do not attach so much importance as Mr. Conway does to the opinions of Paine upon any subject. We believe that Mr. Conway is correct in his contention in a former volume that Paine's alleged infidelity has been exaggerated. But, although his views upon public matters in general have the interest which inheres in those of any studious and public-spirited man of his day, we do not think that there remains any specially eager concern to learn them or that such an interest is likely to revive. Yet certain of his utterances, e. g., upon the Rights of Man, are of permanent value and will occasionally be sought out and studied with care. Mr. Conway has performed his task as editor creditably.

Wedgwood pottery, famous throughout the civilized world, takes its name from *Josiah Wedgwood* [Harper & Bros. \$1.50], an Englishman who died just a hundred years ago and of whom Dr. Samuel Smiles, the veteran biographer, has written an account. Wedgwood was an eminent example of diligence, courage, enterprise, artistic taste and public spirit. He also was a philanthropist, enlightened, practical and generous. A self-made man he received many honors in a time when such distinctions were reserved far more scrupulously than now for men of high birth and social position. He lived a most honorable and useful life and Dr. Smiles has described him and his works with intelligence and sympathy and in a pleasant style.

STORIES.

Mrs. Deland's new novel, *Philip and His Wife* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] is a story with a purpose and it cannot fail to be received with some difference of opinion. The point is whether an uncongenial husband and wife, whose marriage was a mistake and who, never having truly loved each other, find their union mutually bitter, ought to

separate and even be divorced. The author thinks they ought, although, as in this instance, they have a child. Unloving union is held to be no better morally than an illegal but affectionate union. This is an advanced position, taken with the utmost delicacy and urged with great caution yet with positiveness and frankness. There may be something to be said for it in individual cases but we do not see how a general rule can be made wisely and we are not wholly satisfied with the working out of the problem in this particular instance. Some painful details seem introduced needlessly and it is a question if the good, or even the happiness, of all concerned is promoted as much as it could have been by the opposite policy. But these very uncertainties render the story absorbing. It is full of humanity. Most of its characters are everyday people, such as we all meet. The life of the little village is portrayed with photographic yet never too minute accuracy. In addition to the evident lofty and helpful intent of the book, minor elements of sweetness and nobility enrich and beautify it, and, whatever one may decide about its main contention, it will be accepted as honorable to its author's heart and pen.

E. T. Bouvé's *Centuries Apart* [Little, Brown & Co. \$1.50] is a romance of the Jules Verne order. It purports to be based upon documentary evidence proving the accidental discovery by an American military and naval expedition of a habitable country in the Antarctic regions, occupied by descendants of the English and French of the sixteenth century who have maintained their ancient speech and life almost unmodified. The contrast between their degree of civilization and ours is the special feature of the book. The author is at fault in assuming the utter lack of progress made by his imaginary peoples. The conditions assumed would have limited their advance but hardly would have forbidden it. Otherwise the story is well told. It involves love and war and is caused to seem sufficiently probable to hold the reader's incredulity in reasonable check.—The author of *An Altar of Earth* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.00], Thymol Monk, possesses considerable power of expression and the book certainly is written with more than ordinary attractiveness of style. But it is pervaded by an atmosphere of unreality and morbidity. Two fanciful and extravagant young women are oppressed by certain actual sorrows of human life and their consequent course forms the story of the book. The reader who is not disturbed by unconventionality will be puzzled to understand why they are so unnatural and the Barritt episode is introduced bunglingly.—Hesba Stretton and an unnamed collaborator, probably some Russian, have written *The Highway of Sorrow* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25]. It portrays in the narrative form the character of the Russian Stundists, a denomination of simple, harmless, devout Christians, who are persecuted cruelly for their nonconformity to the State Church. The story is sad but graphic and touching. It is to be hoped that the new Czar will correct such abuses as those here recorded.—*The Dolly Dialogues* [Henry Holt & Co. 75 cents] is another book by Anthony Hope. It is a slight affair, a series of conversations in varying conditions, by one or two London up-to-date society people, and is witty, wise, flippant, savage, mocking and tender by turns. It skims upon the surface of life without attempting to sound any depths, and is amusing but somewhat unsatisfying. The reader has a little the feeling of having been trifled with. The author exhibits his deftness but only in describing promising but disappointing situations.

Stories from the Diary of a Doctor [J. B. Lippincott Co. \$1.25], by L. T. Meade and Dr. Clifford Halifax, reminds one of the now famous Sherlock Holmes stories by Dr. Doyle. It is not as intricate in the plots of its series of narratives as they are, but it blends unusual and sometimes startling medical ex-

periences with detective work in a manner which is eminently interesting. The book is sure to be read and liked. The popular taste for literature of this sort demands gratification, and, indeed, is legitimate, and such stories as these are good examples of the exciting and even sensational with all objectionable factors omitted.—Miss Jane Austen's famous *Pride and Prejudice* [Macmillan & Co. \$2.25] is at the other extreme from the modern detective story. It will be read, however, with pleasure and this edition, illustrated by Hugh Thomson and prepared by George Saintsbury, is handsome and substantial.—Two more of Henry Kingsley's novels also are out in the neat edition which the Scribners are publishing at a dollar a volume. One is *Geoffrey Hamlyn* in two volumes, the other is *Austin Eliot* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$2.00 and \$1.00], in one volume. They are well worth being read and will renew the reputation of their author, who was considered by some to be able than his more distinguished brother.—A little French girl, a violinist, in the setting of a New England village—this is *Marie* [Estes & Lauriat. 50 cents], whose touching story is told, with delicate appreciation of its lights and shades, by Mrs. Laura E. Richards. It is the fourth volume in the Captain January series, so remarkably popular, and it is likely to be as much of a favorite as either of the others. It is a romance rather than a story for children.

The Artificial Mother [G. P. Putnam's Sons. 75 cents], by G. H. P., with illustrations by A. W. Van Deusen, is aptly described by the author as a "marital fantasy." It pictures the invention of an automaton which performs some of the duties of a care-taker for children. It is hardly worth the trouble of printing.—Mrs. Mary D. Brine is at home with either poetry or prose. In this volume, *Margaret Arnold's Christmas and Other Stories* [E. P. Dutton & Co. \$2.00], she has collected several of her thoughtful, uplifting, practical and entertaining stories and the book is pleasing without and within. The author's portrait serves as frontispiece. There are illustrations and it will suit old and young.—*P'tit Matinée and Other Stories* [Century Co. \$1.25] is by G. W. Edwards, who has ornamented the book himself. The scene is the Nova Scotia coast. The stories are lifelike sketches of popular character and ways, and of artists and other visitors in the primitive community. The pictures are simple but exquisitely true and effective. The book is printed handsomely and bound in sheep with designs in embossed gold. It is almost a miniature volume yet perfectly legible and very beguiling.—Our old friend *Robinson Crusoe* [Macmillan & Co. 75 cents] has had his familiar story told afresh, with a very few alterations, and reprinted for the children's library. The book has a few pictures within and pretty covers without, is easily held and is attractive.—Annie H. Small is the author of *Suvartha and Other Sketches of Indian Life* [T. Nelson & Sons. 80 cents]. They are based upon fact, India being their scene, and the author apparently is, or has been, a Scotch missionary. The stories have a religious tenor and are short, graphic and significant.

BOOKS OF VERSE.

Volumes of poetry by several famous writers and several others who yet may become famous lie at hand. Apparently the financial depression or some other cause has affected the springs of poetry for we seldom have had so few volumes of verse sent us for notice at this season of the year as during recent weeks.

A work of a general character demands attention first. Mr. A. B. Simonds has a two-fold purpose in his volume, *American Song* [Putnam's. \$1.50]. It is to make a compilation of American poems of the present century and also an inductive study of the chief American poets and to some extent of the others. His method is to examine first a single poem, then its author's other poems, then

the poems of its author's contemporaries, and finally American verse as a whole. The book may serve as a text-book and also as a sort of handbook. It is a careful piece of work, catholic, candid and discriminating. Of course another person would have compiled a somewhat different list of poets, especially of those of our own day, to be considered, but this is a fairly representative one. The book is published neatly and is well suited to its intent.

—Another fruit of the recent development of interest in folk-lore, to which we have alluded several times, is a new book by Mr. A. M. Williams, *Studies in Folk-Song and Popular Poetry* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50]. Much of its material has been printed by the author before. Several of the papers are included only by a permissible license, not being strictly comprehended in the title yet sufficiently kindred in theme. American Sea Songs, Folk Songs of the Civil War, English and Scottish Popular Ballads, Folk Songs of Lower Brittany, Poitou, Hungary, Roumania, etc., are some of the titles of the chapters. The author has studied his specialty zealously and has written about it spiritedly and with good judgment. His selected illustrations are telling and the volume well repays the reader.

Whittier's Complete Poetical Works [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00] is a handsome volume, having good paper, clear type, a fine likeness of the poet, a view of his Amesbury home, a biographical sketch and a chronological list of his writings. It is a treasury of what one desires in connection with him and is sure of a continued popularity. It is just the book for the family and school library.—The volume by T. B. Aldrich also will find a ready and a hearty welcome, albeit most of it has appeared piecemeal before. *Unguarded Gates and Other Poems* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] is its title. It contains delicate and graceful work, spirited and tender conceptions aptly phrased and not a few of them. The volume has its real charm and enforces the conviction of its considerable power. Yet it is never poetry of the noblest order. If it were crude in idea and rough in form and yet moved one by the intensity of its passion, it would touch the heart and even impress the memory more lastingly. Now one admires it and soon forgets it, then one might submit himself to its spirit.

It did not need the pleasant introductory words of Joel Chandler Harris—although we were glad of them—to teach us that there are pleasure and advantage to be gained from Mr. F. L. Stanton's volume, *Songs of the Soil* [D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50]. There are all sorts of verses and many degrees of merit represented in them but they one and all are true products of nature or human nature or both. They do not deal in abstract visions, however beautiful, but with the scenes and emotions of real life. Some are exceedingly touching and others uplift the heart to a new level of hope and courage. A number of the poems are in dialect form. In spite of much unevenness of excellence the book will make its welcome. Mr. Stanton is a Southern poet, a Georgian.

—Miss Julia H. May's little book transports us to another climate and region, even to the far North. It is called *Songs from the Woods of Maine* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.50]. They are simple, sincere, unpretending poems, diversified and enjoyable in sentiment and musical in form.—A much more ambitious performance is *A Song of Companies and Other Poems* [H. C. Cady Printing Co. 75 cents], by O. C. Stevens. The poet grapples sturdily with great thoughts and sometimes succeeds in producing a powerful and impressive passage which is creditable and useful. Sometimes, however, and too often, he attempts more than he can accomplish and his sonorous sentences leave the reader at a loss as to their meaning. It was a Cold Day indeed, for both him and his readers when he wrote the poem which bears that title. If he would cultivate a stern simplicity he could write ex-

cellent verse, but not much within these pages will find eager readers.

Mr. R. W. Gilder's poetry touches the high watermark of present American attainment in serious verse and his productions must be studied by all who would reckon justly with our own literary age. His *Five Books of Song* [Century Co. \$1.50] embodies his representative work up to the present time. Ordinarily it is grave in theme and treatment, even when most inspiring. It is rarely gay. But it sounds the depths of the human heart and points to the stars.—The Macmillans have issued the seventeenth volume of their neat and tasteful edition of *The Poetical Works of Robert Browning* [\$1.50]. It contains Asolando and also biographical and historical notes to the poems.—Another reprint is the edition of Byron's *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* [\$1.25], which Messrs. T. Y. Crowell & Co. have just brought out. It is small but printed very clearly and handsomely illustrated and bound. It is very desirable in appearance.—Many of the contents of Mrs. Anna O. Commelin's volume, *Of Such Is the Kingdom and Other Verses* [Fowler & Wells. \$1.50] have been printed before. They form an attractive book. Many of them are considerably above average in conception and they also show a good degree of power in versification. Some of the poems stimulate and reward prolonged reflection.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Among the books for boys this season are two which have to do with the War of the Rebellion. One is *What a Boy Saw in the Army* [Hunt & Eaton. \$2.25], by Rev. J. B. Young. It is based upon and is largely a reproduction of his personal experience in the armies of the East and West. It is exceedingly graphic and often thrilling. It has a wholesome and manly tone, is illustrated freely and is well suited to its purpose—the description of the war and the inculcation of lofty patriotism.—*The Lost Army* [Merriam Co. \$1.50], by Col. T. W. Knox, is less costly and therefore less well illustrated. It also relates to a narrower field, most of its events having occurred in Missouri or Arkansas. Otherwise almost the same terms might be used in regard to it. It is a stirring, well-told narrative of patriotic adventure and service and will kindle love of country and humanity in the young reader.—*Decatur and Somers* [D. Appleton & Co. \$1.00], is by M. Elliot Seawell. In her conspicuously clear and effective manner she has retold the stories of some of the heroic deeds in the history of the United States navy of a century ago. Her narrative states important facts and is thrillingly interesting. It will delight the boys and develop manliness and patriotism in their hearts. It is well illustrated.—*Chasing a Yacht* [Penn. Pub. Co. \$1.25], by James Otis, also may almost be called a war story. It describes the theft of a steam launch, the pursuit by the owners, the struggles for the possession of the boat and the final discomfiture of the thieves. It is lively reading and virtue triumphs at last. But vice fills too large a share of the space, and we cannot recommend the story very heartily. It has little literary merit but vividness.

Another tale of adventure and a very spirited one is G. M. Fenn's *First in the Field* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.50]. It describes the experiences of a bright lad in the frontier life of Australia in the days when both the native blacks and the convict whites were sources of grave danger. An excellent spirit pervades the book and there is not a dull page in it. It affords a good idea of Australian ranch life and some of the descriptions of natural scenery are admirable.—Oliver Optic's *All Over the World Library* has a new volume, *Asiatic Breezes* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.25]. Gales, pirates and other causes of excitement enliven the journey of the party to whom the series relates. They have a lively and somewhat improbable time, but are all right when the volume leaves them. Their history is related

with all of the author's customary vivacity. —*A Salt Water Hero* [Thomas Whittaker. \$1.25], by Rev. E. A. Rand, is perhaps equally exciting and sensational, although it has a little more of a religious tone here and there. It cannot be ranked in the best class of literature for the young, but it is likely to be popular and there is no serious objection to it. — The assumption of a strange race of men living in a generally unknown region of Mexico, which has been the basis of a number of comparatively recent stories, is the main feature of *The Wonderful City* [T. Nelson & Sons. 60 cents], by J. S. Fletcher. The story is entertaining but by no means as fully worked out or as well told as in the books of other writers.

Mopsis [T. Nelson & Sons. 60 cents] is a London waif and Dorothy Walrond tells her story. It is one of sin, sorrow and suffering out of which in reward of patient, trustful, loving endeavor, rises a noble, useful life. The story appeals more than commonly to the reader's sympathies and is encouraging to all who are seeking to help the outcast. — *Rags and Velvet Gowns* [Roberts Bros. 50 cents], by A. G. Plympton, who has illustrated his own story, is another simple, touching, impressive story of child life and is suggestive of good lessons besides being eminently readable. — Many modern children have heard of and read the *Little Prudy* Books, by Sophie May, although these appeared a long time ago. They are sufficiently well known, however, to prepare the way for *Wee Lucy* [Lee & Shepard. 75 cents], by the same author, which would easily make its own way, for that matter, and which apparently opens a new series, about *Little Prudy's* Children. She has a genuine talent for this vein of literature and this book abounds in excellent and amusing features. It will sell very fast and very far.

The Cong. S. S. & Pub. Society has placed a pretty box-full of books upon the counters of the holiday trade. Kate and Erskine M. Hamilton have written them and there are six of them, *Dotty's Christmas*, *Dotty's Quest*, *Like a Story*, *How Billy Helped the Church*, *Billy's Motto*, and *In Search of a Fortune* [\$2.00 the set]. Some of these volumes include several stories apiece, others have only one. All are bright and readable.

Quite a group of other books for children also are collections of stories. One is Tudor Jenks's *Imaginations* [Century Co. \$1.50] or *Truthless Tales*, a succession of delightful absurdities, skillfully adorned with wonderful pictures. Although offered to the children, we should not be surprised to see older members of almost any family seizing the opportunity, after the children have been packed off to bed, to read and laugh over it. It is a triumph of reckless extravagance on the part of both mind and pencil. Mr. Jenks is the author of his own tales. — Mr. Joseph Jacobs, compiler of *More Celtic Fairy Tales* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.75], has culled some of the most tempting of the treasures of Celtic folklore, with which realm of the fancy he is familiar, and has made of them a striking and amusing book which J. D. Batten has illustrated with fantastic pictures in keeping with the stories themselves. Mr. Jacobs possesses natural ability as a story-teller and has made good use of his material. The result is one of the most tempting books of the season, and one sure to be liked as much as its predecessors which he has edited.

Piccolo and Other Child Stories [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50] looks tempting and when you have opened it you discover that Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett wrote it. Then you know what to expect and you read on and find it, and the more you read the more you enjoy, and you end by saying "This is a charming book"—and it is. It will be one of the most popular Christmas gifts of the current year. — *Penelope Prig and Other Stories* [Roberts Bros. \$1.00] is by A. G. Plympton. It teaches certain wholesome truths, no doubt, but its four stories are real stories, not sermons in disguise, and the boys and

girls need not fear to be imposed upon. They will be the happier as well as the better for it. Mr. Plympton illustrates his own stories and quite well. — We might use almost the same words of *A Matter of Honor and Other Stories* [Thomas Whittaker. 60 cents], by Barbara Yechton, except that we should have to say that in this book the pictures are by Harriet R. Richards. The tales which compose it are sweet and wholesome, told sympathetically, impressive of sound lessons and in every way commendable. The publisher has bound the volume in an uncommonly effective style.

HOLIDAY BOOKS.

Most of those now before us are reprints. Mr. Howells's popular *Their Wedding Journey* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$5.00] is one. This edition is very tempting. Wide margins to the pages, abundant and excellent illustrations by Clifford Carleton, and an ivory-white and gilt binding with a tasteful outer cover for its protection please the eye and it deserves to be one of the favorites of the season. It is sold in a box. — Charles Kingsley's famous *Hypatia* [\$7.00] also is out in a beautiful edition in two volumes, upon which the Harpers have bestowed their expert skill and with the natural gratifying result. It is an elegant publication. The illustrations which are lavishly supplied and are exceptionally pertinent in subject represent W. M. Johnson's best work. The covers are green and gilt and a box defends the volumes from being soiled. — Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co. are the publishers of the holiday edition of Charles Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities* [\$3.50], his most successful story in the opinion of most of the best judges. This also is in two volumes. They are so small as to be readily held in one hand yet the type is distinct. There are spirited pictures by E. H. Garrett and the whole appearance of the issue is tempting. This also is boxed for sale.

Bernardin de Saint-Pierre's classic *Paul and Virginia* [D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50] has been illustrated by Maurice Lalor and its mechanical workmanship is worthy of the pathos and beauty of the story. It has an attractive binding, and is at the advantage of costing less than most of the other equally handsome books of the season. — Mrs. Clara Erskine Clement's *Naples, the City of Parthenope* [Estes & Lauriat. \$3.00] is a gratifying study of the past and the present by a student of art and life who is thoroughly alive to the present yet in appreciative sympathy with the past. The volume is chiefly historical but also depicts the Naples of our own day with vividness, and not merely the city itself but the people who dwell in it. A valuable chapter treats of Neapolitan art and letters, and other chapters describe the ever alluring suburbs which many visitors have learned to know so well. The author's style always is agreeable, that of an interested and also well-trained narrator, and a number of fine illustrations increase the value of her book. It will be of special value to Americans who are or intend to become temporary residents of Naples.

A number of volumes in verse are also out in holiday dress. The late Dr. Holmes's *The Last Leaf* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50] comes with pathetic timeliness. The familiar verses are set off with every suitable aid from the decorator and illustrator and the cover bears the ingenious and appropriate device of a sickle at work. The pictures are by G. W. Edwards and F. Hopkinson Smith. A sketch of the history of the poem, supplied by Dr. Holmes, is appended and the conspicuous feature of the volume is the facsimile reproduction of a touching letter sent by him to the publisher last summer when he returned the proof sheets. — Here too is a new edition of Goethe's *Faust* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.50]. It has been translated by John Anster, LL.D., and Burdett Mason has supplied an introduction. The translation is a good one and the illustrations, by F. M. Gregory, which are partly in black and white and partly in colors, done by the photogravure process, are vigor-

ous and appropriate. Green and silver are the colors selected for the binding. — Tennyson's *Becket* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.00], although not one of his most notable successes, is a drama of more than ordinary interest and certain to be in favor for many years with the poet's admirers. This edition is printed and bound tastefully and the pictures, the work of F. C. Gordon, are of a high quality.

The F. A. Stokes Co. has gotten out *Bryant's Poems* [\$1.50] in a holiday style. They call this the Vignette edition. Mr. R. H. Stoddard's biographical essay precedes the poems, which are arranged chronologically, and numerous illustrations by H. C. Edwards enliven the pages. The binding is somewhat striking and decidedly handsome. It will prove a favorite edition among those who prefer the single volume to more. — Wallace Bruce possesses a ready power of expressing in verse those sympathies which are common to all, and the sharing of which is vital, yet which few can express adequately. His new book *Wayside Poems* [Harper & Bros. \$2.00] contains occasional and miscellaneous poems, some of the former having been prompted by important events, such as the unveiling of the Lincoln Monument at Edinburgh. The contents of the volume vary in purpose and therefore in character. But all are musical, some rise to a high level of conception and the book is adapted to secure wide popular favor. It is illustrated.

Few places of its size can compare with old Northampton in the Connecticut Valley in the quiet beauty of its situation, the dignity of its history and traditions and its atmosphere of culture and learning. Long ago Henry Ward Beecher discoursed upon its charms in his celebrated novel *Norwood*, and there are in the writings of George W. Cable, now a resident of the city, unmistakable allusions to its society and natural surroundings. But it has been left for a native of the place, Mr. Frederick N. Kneeland, to prepare a book, *Northampton the Meadow City* [\$4.00], which sets forth in adequate and beautiful form the varied attractions and interests of this unique country city. The volume—a quarto embellished with 250 half-tone illustrations—may well be ranked with the holiday gift books of the year, for it is a work of art mechanically and to its pages gifted men, like Bishop F. D. Huntington, Prof. H. M. Tyler and Mr. Cable, contribute, each describing an aspect of Northampton life which he is peculiarly competent to treat. Friends and graduates of Smith College will be especially pleased with the generous amount of space devoted to this flourishing school. The other educational and the religious and social interests of the city are graphically sketched. This is one of the books on which the eye loves to linger, detained by remarkable artistic excellence of the numerous illustrations.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS.

In *Riverby* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], another of his bewitching books about birds, animals, flowers, and open air life in general, John Burroughs continues to show both his own trained powers as an observer and a reasoner and the wealth of resources in the natural world. *Birds' Eggs*, *Bird Courtship*, *Glimpses of Wild Life*, *A Taste of Kentucky Blue-Grass*, *Bird Life in an Old Apple Tree*—these are specimen topics and each is handled with minuteness, yet without pettiness, and with philosophical and occasionally moral suggestions. Mr. Burroughs is a born essayist. His style of writing is terse and simple as his love of nature is unaffected. Nature supplies the inspiration and skill achieves the result. He is something of an analyst of human character as well as of that of birds. For instance, he says of Richard Jefferies that he was not strictly an observer of the nature around him but was a living and sympathetic spectator of it, and shows the truth of the entirely friendly comment. The book belongs upon the shelf with Dr. C. C. Abbott's volumes and Bradford Torrey's and those of the

late Frank Bolles, and it deserves to be often consulted.

Much in the same vein, albeit confined to a narrower field, is H. E. Parkhurst's *The Bird's Calendar* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50]. The succession of the months is followed in the chapters of the volume and each chapter describes the birds which are to be observed during the month named. The locality is the Central Park in New York City. The author has made use, however, and very properly, of more than a single year's experience as a student of bird-life. He is acquainted with ornithology and his pages, although popular and even entertaining in style, are full of proofs of his scientific knowledge of his theme. Such books go far to acquaint the ordinary reader with a fascinating realm of knowledge close at hand yet largely unfamiliar to most of us, and they also, by promoting interest in and sympathy for bird life, aid in checking careless cruelty and in promoting humane conduct.

Another product of the versatile pen of the late Theodore Child is the volume *Wimples and Crisping Pins* [\$2.00] which the Harpers have just issued very tastefully. It is a subject which one naturally would have expected a woman to select but the author has done well by it. It is a series of studies in the coiffure and ornaments of women. It is not a history, neither is it a handbook for the toilet chamber, but its purpose is to point out the principles and conditions of beautiful coiffure and ornament as indicated in the paintings and sculptures of past times. It is based upon extended research and is the fruit of considerable critical skill and is illustrated freely and effectively from portraits and other sources of knowledge. The ladies may not agree in every instance with the author's views—although these generally will commend themselves—but they will welcome and enjoy his pages.—Somewhat in line with what one man has said about women's coiffure is Miss Rose Porter's little year book *About Women: What Men Have Said* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.00], some other men about women in general. The book is on a novel plan. The sayings for each month are from the writings of some eminent man—Shakespeare, Milton, Byron, Scott, Wordsworth, Carlyle, Coventry Patmore, Hugo, Browning, Thackeray, Tennyson and Ruskin. It is a good idea well carried out and the volume is tastefully printed and bound.

Mr. H. E. Scudder's volume, *Childhood in Literature and Art* [\$1.25] with some observations on literature for children, comes from Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Greek, Roman, Hebrew, early Christian, mediæval and later, down to modern times, are studied attentively and the volume is rich in literary research and criticism as well as practical suggestiveness. It also is eminently readable. Differences of opinion exist justifiably upon some of its points—such as what a poem for a child should and should not be—but Mr. Scudder's positions are well taken and likely to be endorsed by most people.—Mrs. Hannah W. Smith's *The Science of Motherhood* [Fleming H. Revell Co. 35 cents] discusses childhood in the family, i. e., how a mother may control and train her children rightly. It is a sensible and Christian little treatise in which many mothers may find helpful hints.

The Voyage of the Liberdade [Roberts Bros. \$1.00], by Captain Joshua Slocum, is unpretending but quite interesting. The captain took his family to sea with him, his wife and two sons, and after various adventures they were wrecked on the coast of Brazil but escaped with their lives and some property. They built and rigged the *Liberdade*, a boat thirty-five feet long, out of such materials as they could find, and then made the voyage home to the United States in her, in spite of many perils. It was a plucky thing to do and this modest narrative increases one's respect for the native American sailor.

Mr. Darius Cobb's well-known painting,

Christ Before Pilate, has been reproduced by the Taber Art Co. through the photogravure process with India ink. It measures twenty inches by twenty-seven the margins adding some ten inches more. The painting is powerful and impressive. It bears study well and grows steadily upon the observer. It has become very widely known and has received high praise and this beautiful reproduction of it puts it within popular reach. The plain prints cost only \$3.00 and an artist's proof only \$5.00.

NOTES.

—The *Bibliothèque Nationale* in Paris numbers 2,600,000 volumes and is the largest in the world.

—Business at the picture-auctions on the continent of Europe is expected to be unusually good this winter.

—The cordiality of Dr. A. Conan Doyle's reception in Boston has been paralleled wherever he has been in this country.

—The new Congressional Library Building at Washington is expected to be ready for occupancy in the summer of 1896.

—The Authors' Club in New York has secured permanent quarters in the extension of the Carnegie Music Hall in West Fifty-seventh St.

—Mr. J. O'Kelly has received from Mrs. C. S. Parnell all of her late husband's letters and papers, and a biography will be the outcome in time.

—Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop's *Among the Tibetans*, published by the F. H. Revell Co., is not a reissue of an old book, as we stated the other day, but a new book.

—Julian Ralph has been war correspondent in Korea for *Harper's Weekly* and has entered China also. He is to describe it and the war for *Harper's Magazine*.

—The valuable collection of autographs and historical documents belonging to Hon. J. T. Mitchell is to be sold by Thomas Birch's Sons in Philadelphia on Dec. 5 and 6.

—A perfect copy, in the original covers, of Poe's *Tamerlane*, 1817, is offered for sale at \$2,000 by W. E. Benjamin. It is believed to be the most rare American book of this century.

—Copies of the first volume of *The Chap-Book* have been sold in New York recently for three to five dollars apiece, although the publication is hardly a year old and its semi-monthly issues cost only five cents apiece.

—Whittier did not like the idea that his biography, which we notice this week, might be published but, at last, foreseeing that it could not be prevented, wisely assisted his friend, Mr. S. T. Pickard, in the gathering of material for it.

—The eminent New York publishers, Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co., are now settled in their new store on Fifth Ave. and Twenty-first St. In addition to their general business they make a specialty of handling old and rare books. They are about to issue an American edition of *The Bookman*.

—In 1825 a favorite minister of the Emperor Alexander I. of Russia left a fund of 50,000 roubles with instructions that it be allowed to accumulate for a century and then furnish a prize of \$1,000,000 for the best biography of that emperor. Between now and 1925 the interval fortunately is long enough to permit of thorough study of the imperial life and also for foreigners to gain a knowledge of the Russian language, in which presumably the work must be written.

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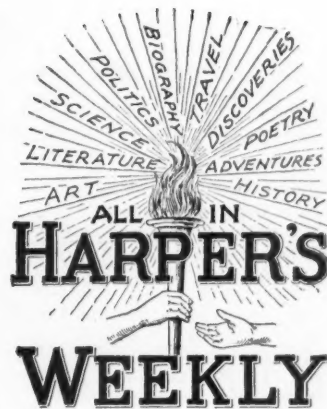
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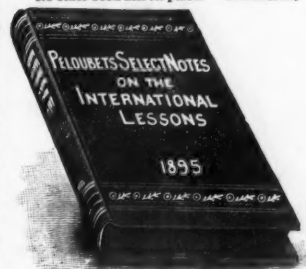
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News from the Churches

A NEW HOME FOR PILGRIM CHURCH, CLEVELAND.

The new edifice of Pilgrim Church, Cleveland, O., which was dedicated last week, has been characterized by Prof Graham Taylor and Dr. Josiah Strong as an "epoch-making church," and by Dr. Washington Gladden as probably the most complete embodiment of the new idea of the ministry of the present day church to the many-sided life of the community.

Reading Room, Library, Educational Classes, Gymnasium." Within, on this floor, is a complete equipment for institutional work. In addition to the rooms already mentioned there are bathrooms, an armory for the Boys' Brigade, recreation-rooms, ladies' parlors, cloakrooms, a dining-room to seat 400 persons, a kitchen and a sewing-room. The whole house is heated by steam and hot air and lighted by both electricity and gas. The electrical plant includes a dynamo for 700 lights, a seventy-five horse power engine and two boilers of fifty horse power each.

greatly its ministry to the community, the church continually sends out the message that its one business is to preach the gospel of Christ, and that every feature of its institutional equipment is a means by which it seeks to make itself all things to all men that it may by all means save them.

The regular pastoral force comprises Rev. C. S. Mills, pastor, Rev. I. W. Metcalf, who gives two-thirds of his time as associate pastor, in addition to his duties as superintendent of the Congregational City Missionary Society, and a pastor's assistant. The church is thoroughly organized, every department having an enthusiastic force of volunteer workers, whose earnest Christian *esprit de corps* is one of the most conspicuous characteristics of this thoroughly alive and busily working modern city church.

The dedication, including twelve public services, covered eight days and was a significant event in the history of the city. The great building was thronged daily, the congregations of the first nine services numbering 14,700 persons. The addresses were uniformly of a high order and the music, led by a grand chorus and the great organ, was inspiring.

Dr. Washington Gladden preached the dedication sermon from the text, "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." The act of dedication was singularly impressive. After the keys were delivered the pastors and the people rose and joined in words of dedication and personal consecration whose tenderness brought tears of joy to many eyes. The dedication hymn was written by Rev. W. E. C. Wright, D. D.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to the Sunday school, and addresses were made by Rev. L. L. Taylor, H. C. Ford, Esq., and other local ministers and Sunday school superintendents. In the evening eloquent addresses were given by three of the former pastors, Rev. T. K. Noble, D. D., Rev. W. H. Warren and Rev. N. M. Calhoun.

Monday was occupied by the young people of the church, and representatives of young people's organizations, who came from all parts of the city, were addressed by Miss Evans of Lake Erie Seminary, and Rev. Messrs. H. H. Russell, D. M. Fisk and C. A. Vincent.



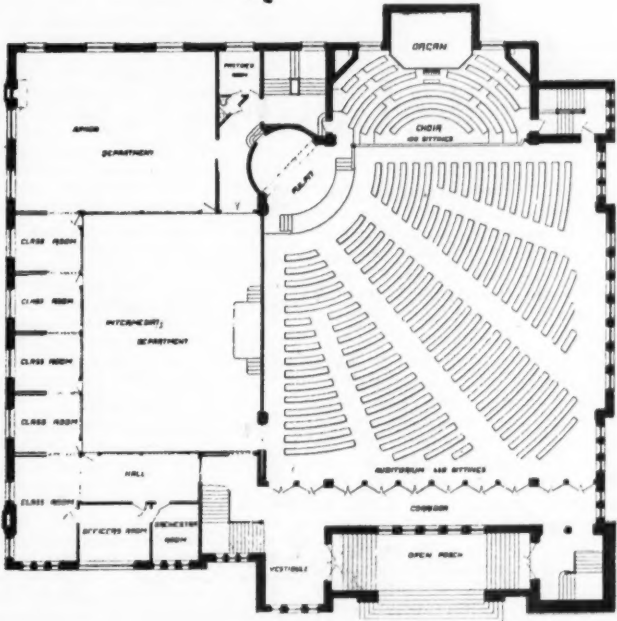
When Rev. C. S. Mills left his parish in North Brookfield, Mass., a little more than three years ago, to accept the urgent call of what was then the Jennings Avenue, now the Pilgrim Church, it was upon the express pledge of the people that they would loyally co-operate with him in aggressive work. Advancing step by step under his wise leadership, today, with a membership nearly doubled, a rare spirit of devotion to Christ and His work and a well-tempered enthusiasm, Pilgrim Church enters its magnificent new building, costing, with the site, over \$140,000, which was pledged before the dedication.

The building is of Ohio brownstone, finished throughout in hard wood and its entire construction is most substantial. The architect, Mr. S. R. Badgley of Cleveland, has with Christian enthusiasm sought to embody in the building the ideas of the pastor and of the construction committee, and has shown the highest degree of professional skill. Nearly a year was spent upon the plans and more than a year and a half upon the construction. The main entrance of itself is a splendid expression of the generous welcome which the building and the church extend to every comer. The seating capacity of the auditorium, Sunday school rooms and adjoining apartments is 3,000, and all the seats are free. The grand organ is one of the finest in the West, and a chorus of sixty voices, with a quartet of soloists, under Christian leadership, is a valuable part of the working force. The idea which dominates the entire building and its unequalled facilities is pre-eminently evangelistic. The center of it is its evangelistic pulpit, and its message to the community is the gospel of Christ.

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The institutional work is conducted by the Pilgrim Institute, which is controlled by a board of trustees composed of the pastors and twenty-four men and women elected by the church and society. Membership in the institute, with the use of all its privileges, is not restricted by distinction of race or creed; and in this large section of the city the church will be able to supply under its own roof and in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ many needed opportunities for physical, social and intellectual culture. By thus enlarging so

greatly its ministry to the community, the church continually sends out the message that its one business is to preach the gospel of Christ, and that every feature of its institutional equipment is a means by which it seeks to make itself all things to all men that it may by all means save them.



THE MAIN FLOOR.

The Congregational Club gathered 400 strong on Tuesday evening from all parts of Northern Ohio. The women of the church served their first banquet in the beautiful new dining-room with unusual success. Rev. J. W. Hubbell, D. D., president of the club, and Rev. Messrs. H. M. Ladd, D. D., and J. W. Malcolm felicitously expressed the congratulations of the club. The theme of the evening was Church Music, a subject upon which Pilgrim Church is intelligently enthusiastic. The chorus rendered illustrations of old and new style hymns and anthems, and scholarly addresses were delivered by Prof. Edward Dickinson of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Rev. C. H. Richards, D. D.

The Institutional Work of the Church was considered Wednesday in thorough and scholarly addresses by Superintendent L. H. Jones of the Cleveland public schools on the Institutional Church as a Factor in Education, by Rev. James Brand, D. D., on the Institutional Church as a Factor in Evangelism, and by Prof. A. T. Perry on the Institutional Church as a Factor in Social Reform.

On Thanksgiving Day the churches of the Heights held a union morning service, in which 1,300 persons from the neighboring churches, both English and German, brought fraternal greetings in both languages. In the evening the fellowship of the city found cordial expression in addresses by representatives of many denominations. Friday evening, in the prayer meeting room, which Dr. Schaeffler aptly called the power-house of the church, the theme was the Spiritual Life of the Church, in which a tender interest was aroused by Secretary W. E. C. Wright and Rev. Messrs. C. W. Carroll and H. A. Schaeffler, D. D.

On the second Sunday President Thwing preached upon the Church of the Future, and the Sunday school and Endeavor Societies began their regular meetings in their new rooms. The dedication week closed in the evening with a service of praise and addresses by President Ballantine and Prof. Graham Taylor. At the first meeting of the institute, officers were elected and educational classes organized. The pastors of Pilgrim Church have received letters of congratulation from all parts of the country. They will be glad to send to any who desire copies of the constitution and prospectus of the institute.

FLEUR-DE-LIS.

PASSING COMMENT.

In Detroit last year was a busy one for the missions, and last week for the study of them and of the classes of people for which they are making their efforts.

Practically unlimited is the field of a Southern pastor of whom we have heard, who supplies seven preaching stations in a parish which measures twenty-five by forty-five miles. Moreover, traveling in his district is often impeded not a little by the bayous, which, when overflowed, are indeed real barriers to his work.

A church which desires to work aggressively in behalf of men of the world can hardly do better than to adopt the plan of a Connecticut church which holds a weekly "talk-night" for men, discussing questions of various kinds. The step from the social room into the church is not so high as from the sidewalk.

For its success in the past, as for its latest cause for joy, Pilgrim Church, Cleveland, deserves the hearty congratulations of its State and denomination. Its former career not only entitles it to a large place in our columns this week, but gives promise of still greater progress and extension of work under its more favorable equipment.

An awakening has been experienced in a city of New Hampshire, the numerical results of which indicate its extent and thoroughness. A fact connected with the meetings which has special significance just at this time, especially in the neighborhood of Boston, is

that on the day following that on which all saloons were ordered closed no cases were brought up for investigation in the police court. Our correspondent suggests that further comment is unnecessary.

LOCAL CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS.

TENN.—The Cumberland Plateau Association met in Harriman, Nov. 21, 22. The gathering was delightful and the attendance was larger than formerly. The reports from the mountain fields indicate an enlarged work, with increased numbers in most of the older churches and the opening of several new fields. The subjects were: The Church—What Is It and What Is Its Opportunity? The Twofold Nature of Christ, Responsibilities in Church Work, The Christian Sabbath, Preaching to Children, Ministerial Training and The Office of the Ministry. Helpful sermons were preached by Rev. Messrs. C. J. Ryder and W. W. Dornan.

LA.—The West Central Association, which includes all the churches in the western part of the State, and represents native and colored workers, met in Jennings, and was in every way successful. Some reports of excellent work on the part of churches and individuals were given. Since Lake Charles College is in the bounds of the association much attention was given to Christian education. Hearty resolutions indorsing the work and management of the college were passed. Other subjects were: Our Seven Benevolent Societies, Congregational Methodism, Congregational Creeds, The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATIONAL CLUBS.

MINN.—At its last meeting the Minnesota Club discussed The Elective Franchise, Judge Russell and Hon. W. A. Gates giving the addresses. Resolutions were adopted in regard to the abolishment of corrupt practices at elections and primaries. All the leading religious denominations are preparing to urge the Legislature to pass election laws similar to those in Massachusetts.

NEW ENGLAND.

Massachusetts.

BOSTON.—The Superintendents' Union held its annual meeting at Berkeley Temple last Monday evening, with a large attendance. A Bible was presented to Mr. Samuel Usher, who retired from the office of treasurer after eight years of service. Mr. Usher was elected president, Wilbur S. Clarke, vice-president, and T. W. Travis, treasurer. Many of the ex-presidents of the union sat on the platform, and brief addresses were made by several of them.

LOWELL.—Mr. Moody began a series of meetings last Sunday afternoon. In spite of the severe storm the great Moxie factory was filled immediately upon the opening of the doors. In the afternoon and evening large overflow meetings were held. Mr. Moody preached to Christians at both services. At the evening overflow meeting fifteen persons rose for prayers.

NATICK.—An extensive revival has just closed, Evangelist S. M. Sayford having assisted for two weeks. Immediately after all the evangelical churches united in a four weeks' series of meetings, conducted by Evangelist Rev. C. L. Jackson. Large numbers of non-church-goers came in and Roman Catholics were present. Nearly all the Sunday school scholars in the churches have expressed a decision to live Christian lives and the churches were never before so strengthened and encouraged. Mr. Jackson proved his ability and wisdom, and the appreciation of his services has been universal.

NORTH ADAMS.—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rogers was celebrated in the church parlors, Nov. 27, and called together a distinguished company. Among those who spoke were Dr. T. T. Munger and ex-Senator H. L. Dawes who, with his wife, attended the original ceremony, which was performed by the venerable Dr. Robert Crawford. A letter from him written on his ninetieth birthday was one of the notable features of the occasion.

Maine.

BIDDEFORD.—For nearly a year the two churches have considered the question of consolidation. A joint committee recommended union; the First Church and parish voted for it; the Pavilion Church favored it but was prevented by a remonstrance from the parish. The pastor of the latter, Rev. T. A. Frey, pressed the matter and declined a call elsewhere. Instead of resigning because of the unsuccessful outcome, he, with his church, called a council for Nov. 26 to consider the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The council declared in favor of such action, making it unnecessary for the pas-

tor to resign. Mr. Frey is universally beloved in the city, and the regret at his departure is universal.

The Nequasset church in Woolwich has been repaired and made comfortable for the winter by the young men.—The barge service in Windham Hill, conveying worshippers from the outskirts to the church, has been continued, and is very helpful.—Captain Lane had a rough trip visiting his stations along the coast for the last time this season. During the past five years he has organized more than fifty Sunday schools and ministered with limited resources to the religious needs of the people.

New Hampshire.

MANCHESTER.—A fortnight of evangelistic services, conducted by Rev. B. F. Mills, has just closed. As a result of the meetings about 2,000 persons have signed cards. The revival has been genuine, as shown by its several characteristics. The "mid-week Sabbath" was a day of special interest, since business in the city was largely suspended.

NORTH CONWAY.—Through the liberal kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Merriman of Worcester, Mass., the meeting house has been repainted and the platform and pulpit restored to its original place at one side of the front. An addition gives room for a convenient kitchen and toilet rooms. The repairs, costing \$500, were assumed by these friends on condition that the debt be reduced \$300. Rev. W. B. Allis is the pastor.

CONCORD.—The Union Memorial Church was formally recognized by council, Nov. 26, as the Congregational Memorial Church, it having voted unanimously to change the name. The South Church has maintained a Sunday school there for twenty-four years, furnishing superintendents, teachers and funds. Results have amply shown the wisdom of such action.

Vermont.

TROY.—Secretary C. H. Merrill recently received twelve persons into the church, the majority on confession. Previously there were but seven members, including one male and one non-resident. The church has been pastorless for a year, but the C. E. Society has maintained weekly meetings. Last August two women evangelists began work, one of whom is to remain for an indefinite period supported by this church. The present awakening is in a measure an outcome of the special work.

Rhode Island.

PAWTUCKET.—The Ladies' Home Mission Circle and the Junior Endeavorers at their Thanksgiving entertainment netted a good sum in aid of the Swedish church in its laudable effort to secure a building.—Park Place Bible School held its annual reunion Nov. 25, marching nearly 1,000 strong to the auditorium, where exercises prepared by its superintendent, Hon. T. B. Barnefield, were held, with an address from Mr. Hall, a Christian worker in New York.

Connecticut.

NEW BRITAIN.—South. After a careful canvass the free seat system has been unanimously adopted. The expenses will be provided hereafter by voluntary subscriptions. No assignment of sittings will be made. Under the lead of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Cooper, D. D., the Men's Union has opened a large, attractive social room, provided with the daily papers, magazines and games, and intended as a gathering place for the men of the congregation. The room is open every night and each week there is a talk night, which is informal and practical, touching social, political and economic subjects.



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SALISBURY.—The 150th anniversary was celebrated Nov. 23. Addresses were given by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Goddard, by Rev. A. G. Hillard and others. Mr. T. L. Norton gave the historical discourse. Special features were the elaborate decorations and an exhibition of relics and portraits of interest to the church.

ANDOVER.—Rev. G. A. Curtis, assisted by a band of Crusaders, has held a series of special meetings, as the result of which thirty persons profess conversion.

MIDDLE STATES.

New York.

MUNNSVILLE.—A district fellowship meeting of ministers and churches was held recently for two days. Stirring addresses were given by the pastor, Rev. M. M. Hughes, and others.

GLOVERSVILLE.—The church has recently established a mission Sunday school in the western part of the city, which already numbers 113 scholars. Work upon the new auditorium is advancing rapidly. Arrangements have been made for the coming of Evangelist William Gell in February. The city has been districted and 150 neighborhood prayer meetings a week have been planned for the two months preceding his arrival. Twenty-five leaders of meetings have been appointed by each church.

BROOKLYN.—*Bethel.* Rev. E. H. Porter has been transferred to the Mayflower Chapel and Rev. E. C. Sedgwick has taken charge of this work.—*New England.* The congregation has begun worship in its new edifice, though it is not entirely finished.

Pennsylvania.

JOHNSTOWN.—Evangelists J. A. Elliott and B. F. Butts have held successful meetings for two weeks. Many of the churches united in the effort, and the pastors and singers rendered willing aid. In addition to two daily services cottage prayer meetings and preaching services in the iron mills were held. On the afternoon of the last day most of the business houses were closed to give a better opportunity to workmen to attend.

THE SOUTH.

Florida.

A revival has been in progress in Key West during which thirty-seven sponge-gatherers joined the church.—Rev. F. D. Jackson has taken charge of the St. Petersburg church.—A new church has been formed in Mossy Bluff and in Eden and four in Walton and adjoining counties.—The church in Tampa has decided to build an addition to its meeting house for social and Sunday school purposes.

THE INTERIOR.

Ohio.

CINCINNATI.—*Fine Street.* The work of the fall has been entered upon enthusiastically, the pastor, Rev. Norman Plasse, preaching upon special subjects morning and evening. An attractive weekly announcement, *Work and Worship*, bearing upon the front an excellent cut of the edifice, contains facts of interest to the members.

CHAGRIN FALLS.—Rev. A. T. Reed's ten day's evangelistic campaign was successful. Four large meetings a day were held, the public schools were visited and 115 cards were signed.

GARRETTSVILLE.—Through a special effort, Nov.

25, the last dollar was subscribed for the payment of a long standing debt of \$700.

STUBENVILLE.—A month ago the pastor, Rev. Joel Swartz, distributed envelopes for contributions to pay the debt of \$12,000. The responses were so generous that the whole debt has been lifted. A thanksgiving jubilee was held.

Illinois.

ROCKFORD.—*Second.* The new edifice was opened on Thanksgiving Day for the first time since the destructive fire of nearly a year ago. The house has been rebuilt at a cost of \$80,000. The organ, one of the finest in the West and costing \$8,000, was dedicated. A large audience was present to enjoy its beautiful tones. Rev. W. M. Barrows and his church are to be congratulated on the completion of their second house of worship.

PORT BYRON.—A new parsonage was dedicated recently. Addresses were delivered by neighboring pastors, after which an earnest appeal by Rev. C. H. Taintor of the C. C. B. S. resulted in clearing all debt on the house. The new structure has been planned, built and paid for within three months. The church, Rev. R. W. Newlands, has taken on new life during the past year, and despite the financial depression has paid more than double its usual amount for all purposes.

Michigan.

LAKE LINDEN.—Electric lights have recently been put into the edifice, one of the trustees, in the electrical business, having offered to do the work with his men. The pastor, Rev. H. C. Scotford, is giving a course of stereopticon lectures to aid in the payment of running expenses.

CALUMET.—Under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. William Wallace, the church has recently finished raising its apportionment of \$300 for the H. M. S. It proposes to raise more also.

TROUT CREEK.—A neat and comfortable edifice, erected at great sacrifice, was dedicated Nov. 20. The pastor, Rev. William Poyseor, has two other

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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, in which the New England interest is so large, makes a statement of earnings during October and the ten months ending Oct. 31, which exposes the depressed condition of the railroad business of the West—a business in which New England has enormous amounts of capital invested. For October this railroad suffered a loss in earnings, as compared with the same month in 1893, of no less than \$759,000. By sharp economies, reducing the expenses to proportions which cause many people to doubt the wisdom of the policy, the net earnings are made to show a loss of only \$227,000. For ten months of the year the "C. B. & Q." shows only \$2,276,000 earned on its capital stock of \$82,000,000, and it is estimated that for the full calendar year net earnings will not exceed 4 per cent. on the stock, even if they are as much as that. Dividends paid, however, have been $\frac{4}{5}$ per cent., so that a large deficit for the year will appear. Such is the result on one of the best and strongest of the Western railroad properties.

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Congress is once more in session. Not much is expected in the way of legislation this winter. After the message of the President and its expected recommendations in regard to currency reform, the greatest interest centers in the "pop-gun" tariff bills, particularly that affecting the sugar industry. It is impossible to predicate the action of the Senate on those bills. Wall Street speculators seem to fear some legislation adverse to the American Sugar Refining Co.

Business with the rubber manufacturers is declared to be excellent. The weather has been such as to stimulate an early distribution of rubber goods. Generally speaking, prices are fairly firm. Some important commodities, like wheat, cotton and wool are higher, while firmness is generally reported. Textile manufacturers report an active business for immediate delivery, but do not look forward to the spring business with great confidence.

CALENDAR.

- National Municipal League, Minneapolis, Dec. 8-10.
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- American Economic Association, New York City, Dec. 26-29.

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Ordinations and Installations.

BRICKETT, Harry L., Marion, Mass., Nov. 27. Sermon, Dr. A. H. Plumb; other parts, Rev. Drs. D. S. Clark, A. H. Quint, Nehemiah Boynton, W. H. Cobb, and Rev. Messrs. M. C. Julien, E. C. Fellowes, R. P. Gardner, W. E. Smedley.
 DORNAN, W. W., Grand View, Tenn., Nov. 29. Sermon, Rev. H. E. Partridge; other parts, Rev. Messrs. W. E. Wheeler, E. N. Goff, George Lusty.
 GEORGE, Jesse, Harmony, Io., Nov. 1. Sermon, Rev. J. M. Cummings; other parts, Rev. Messrs. D. E. Skinner, Arthur Weatherly, W. G. Johnston, T. C. Walker.

Resignations.

CHAMBERS, Charles A., Shilonton, Wis.
 PITTS, Eddy T., First Ch., Everett, Mass., to become field agent of the Kurn Hattin Homes, Westminster, Vt.

Dismissions.

FREY, T. Arthur, Pavilion Ch., Bliddeford, Me., Nov. 26.
 Churches Organized.
 CHICAGO, Ill., Forest Glen, Nov. 25. Twenty-one members.
 CONCORD, N. H., Union Memorial Ch., recognized as the Congregational Memorial, Nov. 26.
 LELAND, Ore. Sixteen members.
 SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Faith, Nov. 27.

Miscellaneous.

CONRAD, Arcturus Z., Worcester, Mass., on his last birthday, received a gold-mounted, ivory-handled whip.
 DAY, Warren F., and wife, Ottawa, Ill., were given a large farewell reception at the close of the pastorate. A diamond brooch was given to Mrs. Day and a purse of gold to the pastor.
 GOUGH, Deacon William L., and his wife, Exeter, N. H., on their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary, received thirty dollars from the church. Since his election as deacon, in 1846, Mr. Gough has not missed a communion service.
 PHILBRICK, Charles E., Western Park, Kan., has returned from California with improved health.
 PLATT, Dwight B., will be for the present in Goodland, Kan., where he may be addressed.
 SHAW, George W., St. Anthony Park, St. Paul, Minn., has returned to his pulpit, after an absence caused by sickness in his family.
 STEPHENS, J. Vinson, Radnor, O., and wife, on return from their wedding trip, were given a reception and various tokens of regard, including a dinner set and \$200 in money.

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In the comments which followed, Rev. J. M. Dutton emphasized the necessity of preaching the severer truths of the gospel with great gentleness, if at all; Rev. H. E. Barnes the negative side of tenderness—the golden silence which is often better than speech; Rev. Walter Barton the desirability of a cordial, tender spirit among ministers; and Dr. G. E. Street the advantages of preaching comforting sermons. Rev. J. J. Woolley of Pawtucket was introduced to the meeting and cordially responded, and Massachusetts and Rhode Island exchanged civilities through the medium of Rev. E. C. Webster and others.

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Baxter,	3	Huntsburg,	10
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Des Moines, Pilgrim,	3	Oberlin, First,	27
Exira,	7	Second,	15
Forest City,	3	OREGON.	
Grand River,	9	Portland, First,	7
Grinnell,	24	Hassalo St.,	1
Hampton,	4	PENNSYLVANIA.	
Iowa City,	5	Pittston,	14
Iowa Falls,	2	Scranton, Provi-	10
Ottumwa, First,	2	dence,	
Red Oak, South Side,	16	VERMONT.	
Rock Rapids,	3	Bennington,	2
Runnels,	11	North,	5
KANSAS.			
Alma,	8	Burlington, First,	6
Kansas City, Bethel,	8	Grauby,	9
Oberlin,	29	Irassburgh,	5
Overbrook,	5	Kirby,	2
Smith Center,	3	Putney,	12
Valley Falls,	26	Troy,	8
Wichita, Plymouth,	20	Wilmington,	10
MASSACHUSETTS.			
Cambridge, North	1	WISCONSIN.	
Ave.,	4	Madison,	22
Concord,	10	Milwaukee, Grand	6
Dorchester, Central,	3	Ave.,	4
Fall River, Central,	4	Northside,	6
Springfield, Park,	6	Plymouth,	2
Taunton, Union,	5	New London,	7
Winslow,	2	Sheboygan,	10
MICHIGAN.			
Bay Mills,	15	Viroqua,	20
Hudsonville,	5	OTHER CHURCHES.	
Leroy,	5	Albuquerque, N. M.,	4
Romeo,	1	Danbury, Ct., Second,	20
St. Johns,	11	Edgewood, R. I.,	30
Wayne,	15	Huron,	25
MINNESOTA.			
Lake Benton,	4	Jacksonville, Fla.,	5
Minneapolis, Forest	40	Nashville, Tenn.,	2
Heights,	40	Union,	5
Silver Lake,	11	Seward, Okl.,	7
Total: Conf., 572; Tot., 1,189.			
Total since Jan. 1. Conf., 15,988; Tot. 29,628.			

ONE of the most perplexing problems we meet at this season of the year is in deciding on something appropriate in our remembrances of friends on Christmas Day. This is doubly true if the friend is a gentleman, for it is much easier to select some dainty gift which will please the gentler sex. There are, however, a number of things inexpensive, useful and that would be appreciated by our men if we could only call them to mind. A help in this regard is to be found in an attractive little booklet called "25 Suggestions," which the Pairpoint Manufacturing Co. of New Bedford will send on compliance with two simple requests, as can be seen in their attractive announcement on the back page of this paper.

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DETROIT.—The annual report of the city mission work shows excellent results.—*Canfield Avenue*, under the care of Rev. N. S. Wright, has thirty-seven members, a Sunday school of 290, Senior and Junior Endeavor Societies and a sewing school for children.—*Polish* mission, in charge of Rev. John Lewis, despite the persistent opposition of Roman Catholics is making steady progress. Tracts, Bibles and Testaments are distributed and many calls made. The Bible reader employed reaches the women in their homes and teaches the children sewing.—It has been decided to abandon the German church.—*Mount Hope* mission, Rev. William Mitchell, has received twenty-six on confession, making the present membership 107. The Sunday school has had an average attendance of 182. Though many of its members have been out of work, it has raised toward its own support \$757.—*Fort Street*, Rev. Jesse Povey, has now 178 members, thirty-one having been received in the last year. The Sunday school has an average attendance of 254. The growing congregations call for a new building and plans are now under consideration for an edifice in front of the present chapel.—*Brewster*, less than a year old, provided at its start with a new \$10,000 chapel, is the only Detroit church that was born rich, but it has the Christ spirit of humility and gives generously to all the benevolent societies. Under the wise and energetic lead of Rev. M. H. Wallace, it is advancing in all directions.—*Pilgrim* would have called for such large financial support from the City Missionary Society that with reluctance it has decided to withdraw its support. For the ensuing year \$2,877 were appropriated, which comes almost entirely from the First and Second Churches.

First.—A special offering was made, Nov. 25, to cover the amounts asked by the H. M. S. of the State and by the Congregational Union of the city. The sums amounted to \$3,500.

Plymouth Tabernacle.—The American Institute of Christian Sociology opened its convention, Nov. 25. Addresses were given during the first sessions by persons of repute and experience on practical topics of the day, including The Race Problem, The Social Settlement, City Missions, Civic Righteousness, Crime and the Criminal, The Industrial Home, Prisons, Practical Reform, Social Preparation for the Christian State, The Institutional Church, The Church and the Average Man, Sacred and Secular, Young Men and the Church. A leading participant was Dr. G. D. Herron.

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South Dakota.

STOIX FALLS.—The evangelistic services conducted by Rev. A. E. Thomson and W. C. Gamble have been of great power. The Opera House and the First Baptist Church have been filled of late and the ingathering has been large.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

HENRY MARTYN STORRS, D.D.

Dr. Storrs died of pneumonia at Orange, N. J., Dec. 1. He was born in Ravenna, O., in 1827. His father, Rev. C. B. Storrs, was for several years president and professor of theology in Western Reserve College. At the age of five years, his father having died, Henry became a member of the family of his uncle, Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs of Braintree, Mass. He graduated at Amherst College in 1846 and at Andover Seminary in 1851. His successive pastorates in Congregational churches were at Lawrence, Mass., Cincinnati, O., and Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1872 he was chosen secretary of the A. H. M. S., which position he held for ten years. In the administration of its affairs he was very active and exerted great influence. His pulpit and platform oratory was exceptionally brilliant, and he was everywhere a welcome speaker at public assemblies. He resigned his position in 1882 and became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Orange, N. J., remain-

ing there till his death. He was one of the strongest pastors of the Presbyterian Church, laboring to the end with apparently unabated powers. He had been a corporate member of the American Board since 1867. He married in 1854 the daughter of President Hitchcock of Amherst, and Mrs. Storrs, two sons and a daughter survive him.

Marriages.

(The charge for marriage notices is twenty-five cents.)

GARRISON-DWIGHT.—In Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 21, by Prof. Egbert C. Smyth, D. D., of Andover, Frank Lynwood Garrison and Adèle Mary, daughter of Dr. Henry E. Dwight of Philadelphia.
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WARE-NEWELL.—In Swansey, N. H., Nov. 29, by Rev. C. E. Milliken, Alonzo A. Ware and Marietta A. Newell, all of Swansey.

Deaths.

BARNES.—In Wilton, N. H., Nov. 14, Abby W., wife of W. H. Barnes, aged 63 yrs. A loving, faithful wife, mother, teacher and friend.
BODMAN.—In Northampton, Dec. 2, Philena, widow of the late Luther Bodman and mother-in-law of Dr. C. H. Parkhurst of New York, aged 77 yrs.
GULICK.—In Cambridge, Nov. 30, Pierre J., son of the late Dr. Luther H. Gulick, for many years a missionary in Spain and Japan, aged 22 yrs. His death was the result of self-inflicted shooting in one of the dormitories of Harvard College, where he had studied for a year.
HUMPHREY.—In Pittsfield, Nov. 26, Sarah W., daughter of the late Dr. Heman Humphrey, first president of Amherst College.
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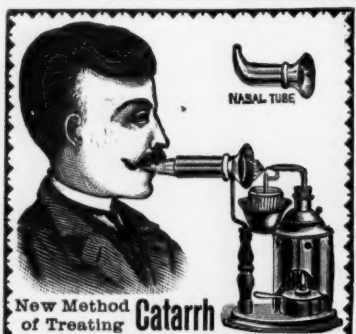
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FOREIGN MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETING in the rooms of the Woman's Board of Missions every Friday at 11 A. M.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, Hartford Theological Seminary for Eastern New England, seventh annual meeting, United States Hotel, Boston, Dec. 10, 12 M. Prof. Edwin K. Mitchell, D. D., will bring greetings.

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WOMAN'S BOARD PRAYER MEETING.

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, NOV. 30.

Mrs. M. K. Abell presided and in the spirit of the Thanksgiving season read Ps. 67 and Isa. 35. She spoke of giving time, money, friends, our all, to God and then taking our hands off, and told the story of the pastor whose work one year was spoken of as of little account because there had been but one admitted to the church, but that one, a boy, coming to his minister, had said, "Do you think, if I work very hard, I can be a minister and a missionary?" The mere mention of his name, Robert Moffatt, suggests a life and work with which any church would be glad to be associated. Another was mentioned who, looking in vain for an open door in China, desired to live his own life in such a way as to oil the hinges of the doors which others might open.

Mrs. Beach of North China spoke of the meetings of Christian women in Tungcho, where a spirit of thanksgiving prevails, and very few are silent: also of the conflict between China and Japan, of China's arrogance and unwarranted confidence in herself, of the lesson which she needs to learn that she has been turning her face away from the light, while Japan has been turning her face towards the light. She also alluded to the recent gift of a beautiful copy of the Bible to the empress dowager by the Christians of China. Mrs. Thompson read an account of a religious awakening in the girls' school at Sivas. Miss Child read a letter from Miss Farnham of Adabazar, and Miss Washburn in connection with a letter from Miss Sheldon told an interesting story of a former pupil at Marsovan, who in her little village, almost alone in her work, has been a wide-awake Christian. Miss Lamson read a letter from Mrs. Winsor of Sirur, and Miss Child read the latest message from Miss Crosby of Kusaie.

Occasional guests are always warmly welcomed, and after prayer by Mrs. Bridgman of Northampton Mrs. J. F. Ellis of Gates College, Neligh, Neb., touched all hearts by her cordial words of sympathy. With a large experience in home missionary work she has also been president of the Oregon and Washington Branch of the Board of the Pacific, visiting nearly all the Congregational churches within its limits. She now is officially connected with the Nebraska Branch of the Board of the Interior, appointed to visit the educational institutions in Nebraska in the interest of foreign missions. At present her work is especially in behalf of Gates College.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES.

Seven languages are regularly heard in the meetings of Chicago societies—Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Dutch, German, Bohemian and Chinese.

At their recent meetings, the Congregational Union and the Baptist Union of England each gave an entire session to the discussion of Christian Endeavor.

A Philadelphia society lately introduced a missionary entertainment at its sociable. Three examiners had been appointed who furnished questions on Japan to those who were to take part. The company was divided into two sections and the questions were put to them alternately. When this part was finished three from each side gave brief summaries of the points brought out.

The South Australian convention was a remarkable success in numbers and enthusiasm, at least eight hundred being present at the communion service. The opening meeting was a largely attended gathering of ministers and theological students. A year ago superintendents of different branches of work were appointed and their reports were most encouraging, showing the formation of twenty-one district unions and great earnestness in missionary work.

The large place given to the Junior work at the State conventions this autumn has been quite noticeable. In Missouri this department was given the chief prominence, one whole session and parts of two others being devoted to it. In Maryland the Junior rally, with its 800 participants, formed a

climax in the convention. In Delaware much enthusiasm was felt over the banner won at Cleveland for the largest proportionate increase in Junior societies, and the report for the year showed a gain of 500 per cent.

Missions and good citizenship were the leading topics at the New Hampshire State convention. Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., of Philadelphia gave a most excellent address on The Great Call of God and the Signs of the Times. Rev. Smith Baker, D. D., of East Boston spoke on Good Citizenship. The other speakers from outside the State were Rev. C. P. Mills of Newburyport, Mass., and Rev. Addison P. Foster, D. D., of Boston. The State will send a large delegation to Boston next July.

An important feature of the Pennsylvania convention was the missionary department, where could be found a large variety of missionary literature from the different denominational boards, which was used by the delegates generally. The interest prevailing on the subject was shown by the fact that but three or four societies were reported as not doing missionary work in some way and but twelve as without missionary committees. It appeared that during the year \$11,525.26 had been raised for missions and \$12,694.11 for other benevolent objects, \$2,154.96 coming from the Juniors.

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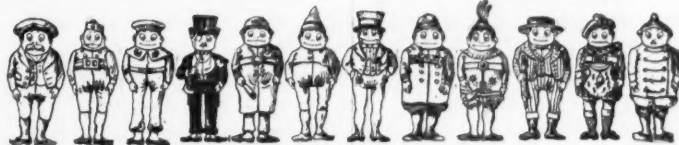


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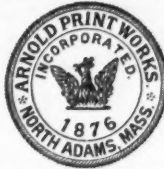
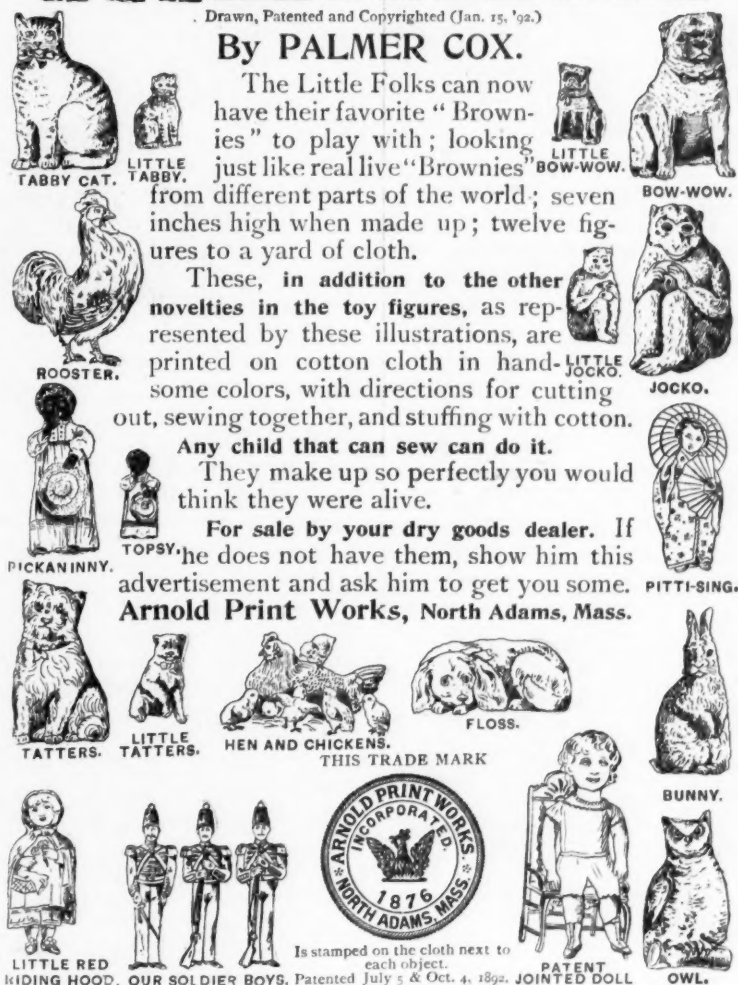
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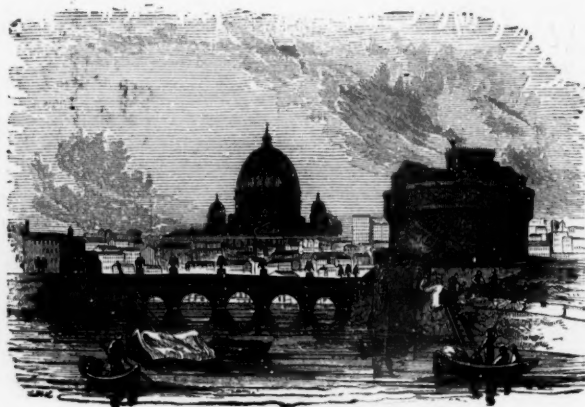
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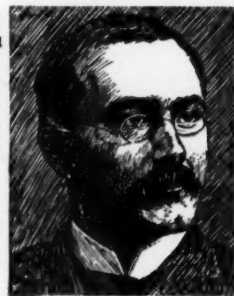
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